An Introduction to the Author and Theatre Surrounding *Romeo and Juliet*

*Shakespeare and the Theatre*

1. Who did William Shakespeare marry?

a. Judith Sadler

b. Anne Hathaway

c. Susanna Hall

d. Mary Queen of Scots

2. What was the theatre in London that Shakespeare was associated with?

a. The World

b. The Britain

c. The Globe

d. The Circle

3. Shakespeare is famous for writing

a. 1 play and 37 sonnets

b. 54 plays and 5 sonnets

c. 54 plays and 37 sonnets

d. 37 plays and 154 sonnets

4. Where was Shakespeare born?

a. London

b. Brighton

c. United States

d. Stratford-upon-Avon

5. In 1603 Shakespeare's acting company, The Lord Chamberlain's Men, became the King's Men.

Which king was their patron?

1. George III
2. James I
3. Edward III
4. Henry VIII

6. What was the name of Shakespeare’s acting company?

a. The Queen’s Men

b. The Royal Shakespeare Company

c. Lord Chamberlain’s Men

d. The Black Friar’s Men

7. The average American has a vocabulary between 10,000 and 15,000 words. How many words did

Shakespeare have in his vocabulary?

a. 5,000 to 10,000

b. 10,000 to 15,000

c. 17,000 to 25,000

d. 17,000 to 34,000

8. The lower class spectators who stood in the yard of an Elizabethan theatre were known as

a. Corrales

b. Groundlings

c. Hirelings

d. Commedia

9. Why didn’t women appear on stage with acting companies?

a. Women were not considered worthy of the stage

b. Women could not read the scripts

c. There were no parts written for women

d. Women were considered too innocent and good for the stage

10. At what time would you likely see an Elizabethan play?

a. 7:00 pm

b. 8:00 am

c. 3:00 pm

d. 12:00 pm

11. How many actors were involved in Lord Chamberlain’s Men?

a. 5 actors

b. 10 actors

c. 10 actors

d. 25 actors

12. Why did the theatre owners fly flags over the theatre?

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True/False

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 13. William Shakespeare was an actor.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 14. William Shakespeare was born in 1654.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 15. William Shakespeare had three children.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 16. William Shakespeare was born into a noble family.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 17. William Shakespeare is buried in Westminster Abbey.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 18. “Dead as a doornail” is a term originally written by William Shakespeare.

*Parts of a Play- Matching*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 19. A humorous phrase which relies on the double meaning of a word

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20. Words spoken in an undertone not meant to be heard by the other characters

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 21. An unrhymed poem written in iambic pentameter

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 22. A long speech expressing the thoughts of a character alone on stage

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Ordinary writing that is not poetry, drama, or song

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 24. One person speaking on stage for an extended time – more characters may be on stage

a. Aside d. Pun g. Blank Verse

b. Hyperbole e. Soliloquy h. Sonnet

c. Monologue f. Synagogue i. Prose

*The Prologue: Sonnets and Star-Crossed Lovers*

25. Which of the following identifies the rhyming pattern of a Shakespearean sonnet?

a. AABB CCDD EEFF GG

b. ABAB CDCD FF

c. AABB CDCD EEFF GG

d. ABAB CDCD EFEF GG

26. Which of the following identifies the structure of a Shakespearean sonnet?

a. Quatrain, Quatrain, Quatrain, Couplet

b. Quatrain, Quatrain, Tercet, Couplet

c. Octave, Octave, Couplet

d. Sestet, Sestet, Couplet

27. Which of the following indentifies the meter of a line in a Shakespearean sonnet?

a. Iambic Monometer

b. Iambic Trimeter

c. Iambic Pentameter