

The Merchant of Venice, Act 1 Review Sheet

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PART ONE: Complete the following sentences by writing in the necessary words (be as specific as possible) 2 pts. each.

- 1. Bassanio needs money to woo*
- 2. Antonio's money is tied up*
- 3. Bassanio compares his quest for Portia to*
- 4. Portia must marry only*
- 5. Portia's eyes exchanged "fair speechless messages" with*
- 6. Portia's suitors seek her hand by choosing*
- 7. Shylock hates Antonio because*
- 8. Antonio must pay the bond on time or forfeit*
- 9. Bassanio objects to the bond because*

PART TWO: Mark the following statements true or false (1 pt. each)

- 10. Bassanio makes no excuses for needing to borrow more money from Antonio.*
- 11. Gratiano is verbose but light-hearted.*
- 12. Shylock first reveals his hatred for Antonio in an aside.*
- 13. Antonio hates Shylock because Shylock loans money without interest.*
- 14. Shylock's bond with Antonio does not involve usury.*
- 15. Portia is resentful yet obedient towards her father's will.*
- 16. Portia thinks Monsieur Le Bon is a sponge.*
- 17. Nerissa informs Portia that none of the first group of suitors wishes to play the lottery of the caskets.*
- 18. Antonio believes that a man should accept whatever role fate assigns him to play.*

PART THREE: Multiple choice (1 pt. each)

___ 19. *The opening scene of the play takes place in*

- a. Padua*
- b. Belmont*
- c. Venice*
- d. Rome*

___ 20. *Antonio's money is tied up in*

- a. land investments in Scotland*
- b. his family estates in Rome*
- c. commercial ventures at sea*
- d. his wine business in Belmont*

___ 21. *The lottery of the caskets was established by*

- a. the will of Portia's dead father*
- b. Portia and Nerissa*
- c. the laws of Belmont*
- d. a decree of the Duke of Venice*

___ 22. *Portia's attitude towards her mate being selected by the outcome of the lottery was one of*

- a. boredom*
- b. resentful obedience*
- c. confusion*
- d. indifference*

PART FOUR: Vocabulary review. Give the meaning of the following terms (1 pt. each):

peevish

commendable

edifice

abridged

forfeit

prodigal

argosy

requite

renowned