

# William Shakespeare

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- 1 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?
- a \_\_\_ Toby met Will in a theatre.
  - b \_\_\_ Will married Anne Hathaway when he was young.
  - c \_\_\_ Will had three children.
  - d \_\_\_ Anne was happy that Will wanted to be an actor.
  - e \_\_\_ Queen Elizabeth didn't like the theatre.
  - f \_\_\_ Shakespeare's theatre was called The Globe.
  - g \_\_\_ King James the First liked the theatre.
  - h \_\_\_ Ben Jonson and Will were good friends.
  - i \_\_\_ The Tempest was Shakespeare's last play.
  - j \_\_\_ Will died after Ben Jonson's party.

10 marks

- 2 Will's wife, Anne Hathaway, never liked his work. She thought that plays and actors were very bad. Why did she think this?

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15 marks



- 3 Why did the City Council close the theatres of London in 1592?

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- 4 Match a number from A with a letter from B to make complete sentences.

**A**

- 1 \_\_\_ Toby thought that the woman in Will's poems must be real ...
- 2 \_\_\_ During his first years in London Will worked hard ...
- 3 \_\_\_ Will's plays became more serious ...
- 4 \_\_\_ The plague was very bad in London ...
- 5 \_\_\_ The actors didn't think Hamlet was going to be popular ...

**B**

- a ... because the streets were narrow and there was dirty water in them.
- b ... but he never knew who she was.
- c ... after the death of his son, Hamnet.
- d ... but it was Shakespeare's most famous play.
- e ... writing plays, acting in plays and reading books.

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- 5 Why were Will and the other actors worried when Queen Elizabeth died?

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- 6 Write a short comment on the book. (Did it make you interested in Shakespeare? Do you want to know more about him? What was interesting about his life?)

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25 marks

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## Setting

Choose the best answer.

- Toby first met William Shakespeare when \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  he was an old man b  he was a boy  
c  he lived in London d  he had no teeth
- Shakespeare's father was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  poet b  farmer  
c  glove maker d  teacher
- Shakespeare named his son after \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  his father b  a friend  
c  Ann Hathaway's father d  Toby
- When Will arrived in London he felt \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  afraid b  hot c  sad d  excited
- The Rose theatre was the home of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Lord Strange's Men b  the Queen's Men  
c  the King's Men d  Shakespeare's Men
- Will wrote *A Midsummer Night's Dream* \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  in London b  in Hampshire  
c  in Stratford d  in his new house
- In 1599 Shakespeare's company opened a new theatre. It was called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  the Rose b  the Globe  
c  the Mermaid d  the Queen's
- In *Hamlet*, Shakespeare played the part of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Hamlet b  Ophelia  
c  Claudius d  the ghost of Hamlet's father
- Shakespeare's last play was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  *The Tempest* b  *The Winter's Tale*  
c  *King Lear* d  *Henry VIII*
- Shakespeare died in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  1623 b  1612 c  1620 d  1616

**20 marks**

## Characters

Choose the best answer.

- When he was a boy, Toby was a friend of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Ben Jonson b  Will Shakespeare  
c  John Heminges d  Richard Burbage
- Toby's parents were \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  alive b  old c  dead d  young
- Anne Hathaway was \_\_\_\_\_ older than Will.  
a  twenty-six years b  eighteen years  
c  six months d  eight years
- Richard Burbage was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  an actor with the Queen's Men  
b  an actor with Lord Strange's Men  
c  a playwright d  a playgoer

- Shakespeare wrote many of his best poems for \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  the Earl of Essex b  the Earl of Southampton  
c  John Florio d  Richard Burbage
- Shakespeare's son was called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Hamnet b  Gilbert  
c  Richard d  Edmund
- Shakespeare wrote \_\_\_\_\_ for Queen Elizabeth.  
a  *Henry V* b  *The Merry Wives of Windsor*  
c  *Henry IV* d  *The Merchant of Venice*
- In 1601 Shakespeare's \_\_\_\_\_ died.  
a  father b  mother  
c  sister d  brother
- Ben Jonson liked to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  sleep b  laugh c  argue d  eat
- Shakespeare's favourite daughter was \_\_\_\_\_.  
a  Ann b  Elizabeth  
c  Susanna d  Judith

**20 marks**

## Dialogue

Who said this?

- 'I want to be a writer. A poet.'  
a  Toby b  Will Shakespeare  
c  John Shakespeare d  Ben Jonson
- 'Actors are dirty, wicked people! They're all thieves and criminals!'  
a  Ann b  Toby  
c  Will d  John Heminges
- 'I'm not clever like you. I can't remember all those words.'  
a  Ann b  John Heminges  
c  Will d  Toby
- 'Come and work with Lord Strange's men at the Rose Theatre on Bankside.'  
a  Richard Burbage b  John Heminges  
c  The Earl of Essex d  The Earl of Southampton
- 'You do not know Emilia Lanier! She's a bad woman, my friend, a bad woman.'  
a  John Heminges b  Toby  
c  John Florio d  Will
- 'Mr Shakespeare, you are the best playwright in England.'  
a  Richard Burbage b  Ben Jonson  
c  King James d  Queen Elizabeth

- 27 'Have any of you really listened to the language of this play?'  
 a  Richard Burbage b  Henry Condell  
 c  John Heminges d  Ben Jonson
- 28 'If King James doesn't like plays, we're finished.'  
 a  Will Shakespeare b  Ben Jonson  
 c  Henry Condell d  Richard Burbage
- 29 'The King is a very stupid man!'  
 a  John Heminges b  Henry Condell  
 c  Will Shakespeare d  Ben Jonson
- 30 'Someone said that you were the father of Jane Davenant's son.'  
 a  Burbage b  Toby  
 c  Condell d  Shakespeare

**20 marks**

## Vocabulary

Choose the best answer.

- 31 a person who acts in plays in a theatre  
 a  writer b  actor  
 c  playwright d  farmer
- 32 very unkind  
 a  sad b  excited c  cruel d  bored
- 33 not playing or joking  
 a  serious b  expensive  
 c  important d  usual
- 34 the language of ancient Rome  
 a  Roman b  Italian  
 c  Latin d  English
- 35 a place where people can buy food and drink and sometimes stay the night  
 a  hospital b  house c  school d  inn
- 36 something that pleases people  
 a  success b  grief c  play d  work
- 37 cover for the hand  
 a  shoe b  hat c  glove d  shirt
- 38 two children born from the same mother at the same time  
 a  sisters b  twins c  brothers d  boys
- 39 very bad or wrong  
 a  wicked b  big c  boring d  angry
- 40 large and beautiful house  
 a  building b  hotel  
 c  theatre d  palace

**20 marks**

## Plot

Choose the best answer.

- 41 When Farmer Nash saw Toby and Will, they were \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  eating his apples b  climbing his apple tree  
 c  running away d  sitting down
- 42 Will's mother didn't want him to marry Anne Hathaway because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  she was going to have a baby  
 b  she was too poor c  she was too old  
 d  he was too young
- 43 \_\_\_\_\_ wanted Will to write plays for him  
 a  Toby b  Heminges  
 c  Burbage d  Phillips
- 44 When the theatres were closed because of the plague, Will \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  stayed in London b  went to Lord Southampton's house  
 c  went on tour d  went back to Stratford
- 45 After Hamnet died, the people in Shakespeare's plays changed. They became \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  more real b  funnier  
 c  sadder d  more beautiful
- 46 Richard Burbage was excited by Hamlet because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  it was a good story b  he was playing Hamlet  
 c  the language was beautiful  
 d  it was fast and exciting
- 47 When Queen Elizabeth died, the Lord Chamberlain's Men were worried because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  King James was a Puritan b  they didn't like King James  
 c  they didn't know King James d  the theatres were going to close
- 48 Will was happy to go home to Stratford because \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  he loved his family b  he was tired of the theatre  
 c  his wife was ill d  his daughter was getting married
- 49 When the fire at the Globe started \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  the theatre was empty b  Burbage was on stage  
 c  Shakespeare was on stage d  Toby was on stage
- 50 People won't forget Shakespeare because he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a  a great actor b  a rich man  
 c  a great poet d  a friend of Ben Jonson

**20 marks**

**Total marks**