

CliffsNotes.com® Quiz for HAMLET

- 1. What is Hamlet's relationship with Ophelia at the play's beginning?**
 - a. They are schoolmates
 - b. They are enemies
 - c. They are in love
 - d. They have never met
- 2. Who poses a military threat to King Claudius at the play's beginning?**
 - a. Fortinbras
 - b. Old Norway
 - c. Poland
 - d. Hamlet
- 3. Which of the following characters sees the ghost of Hamlet's father first?**
 - a. Marcellus
 - b. Claudius
 - c. Horatio
 - d. Hamlet
- 4. Approximately how much time has passed between the death of King Hamlet and the remarriage of Gertrude to Claudius?**
 - a. Six months
 - b. Two weeks
 - c. Two months
 - d. One year
- 5. What is Hamlet trying to decide in his "To be" soliloquy?**
 - a. If the ghost of his father is real
 - b. If he is ready and willing to die
 - c. If he should ask for Ophelia's hand in marriage
 - d. If he should confront Gertrude about her rash remarriage
- 6. What is the main plot function that the players serve?**
 - a. They help Hamlet determine if his father's ghost is telling the truth
 - b. They distract Hamlet from his grief, which gives Claudius enough time to arrange for Hamlet's murder
 - c. They instruct Gertrude regarding the true nature of her former husband's death
 - d. They distract the court while Fortinbras' troops surround Elsinore
- 7. Why doesn't Hamlet kill Claudius after the play, and before going to his mother's chamber?**
 - a. He fears for Gertrude's health if she loses another husband
 - b. He doesn't want Claudius to be able to repent his sins before dying
 - c. He wants an audience when he exacts his revenge
 - d. He knows Claudius' guards are nearby
- 8. Why does the apparition appear in Gertrude's chamber?**
 - a. To prove to Gertrude that Hamlet is not mad
 - b. To warn Gertrude that Claudius is a murderer
 - c. To show Gertrude that she is forgiven for remarrying so quickly
 - d. To protect Gertrude from Hamlet's excessive anger
- 9. Why is Hamlet sent to England?**
 - a. Gertrude fears someone will harm Hamlet for killing Polonius
 - b. Claudius knows that Hamlet is insane
 - c. Claudius wants the King of England to have Hamlet killed
 - d. Ophelia tells the queen that Laertes has sworn to kill Hamlet
- 10. Who aids in Hamlet's escape from the ship?**
 - a. Horatio
 - b. Gertrude
 - c. The King of England
 - d. Pirates
- 11. Who tells Hamlet that Laertes has challenged him to a duel?**
 - a. Claudius
 - b. Osric
 - c. Horatio
 - d. Laertes
- 12. How does Laertes die?**
 - a. Hamlet stabs him with a poisoned sword
 - b. He stabs himself in a moment of regret for having tricked Hamlet
 - c. He drinks from Claudius' poisoned cup
 - d. Fortinbras kills him to revenge his father's death

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13. Who survives at the end of the play?

- a. Ophelia
- b. Gertrude
- c. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern
- d. Horatio

14. Who says the following: "The lady doth protest too much methinks."

- a. Horatio
- b. Claudius
- c. Gertrude
- d. Hamlet

15. Who says the following: "Madness in great ones must not unwatch'd go."

- a. Marcellus
- b. Polonius
- c. Laertes
- d. Claudius

16. What type of play is Hamlet?

- a. History
- b. Tragedy
- c. Pastoral
- d. Folio

17. Who says the following: "Sweets to the sweet: farewell."

- a. Ophelia
- b. Gertrude
- c. Polonius
- d. Hamlet

18. Who says the following: "Good-night, sweet prince, / And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."

- a. Horatio
- b. Polonius
- c. Guildenstern
- d. Rosencrantz

19. How are Ophelia and Laertes related?

- a. They are cousins
- b. Laertes is Ophelia's uncle
- c. They are siblings
- d. They are not related

20. What is Elsinore?

- a. The castle where Hamlet lives
- b. The university that Hamlet attended
- c. The university that Laertes attended
- d. The ship that took Hamlet to England

21. How was Hamlet's father murdered?

- a. Stabbed through the heart
- b. Thrown from a cliff
- c. Poison in his wine
- d. Poison in his ear

22. Who says the following: "Neither a borrower nor a lender be."

- a. Hamlet
- b. Polonius
- c. Laertes
- d. Ophelia

23. During Hamlet's youth, Yorick was

- a. a teacher
- b. a tax collector
- c. a grave digger
- d. a court jester

24. Who says the following: "There's a daisy; I would give you some violets, / but they withered all when my father died."

- a. Hamlet
- b. Ophelia
- c. Laertes
- d. Gertrude

25. Who is with Hamlet when he first sees his father's ghost?

- a. Marcellus and Horatio
- b. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern
- c. Voltimand and Cornelius
- d. Francisco and Reynaldo

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Answers:

- (1) c
- (2) a
- (3) a
- (4) c
- (5) b
- (6) a
- (7) b
- (8) d
- (9) c
- (10) d
- (11) b
- (12) a
- (13) d
- (14) c
- (15) d
- (16) b
- (17) b
- (18) a
- (19) c
- (20) a
- (21) d
- (22) b
- (23) d
- (24) b
- (25) a