



Trivia of Shakespearean Proportions

To be, or not to be the crowned knower-of-all that is Shakespeare! These trivia questions and answers will impress your pals and enlighten you on the Bard!

1. In 1564, William Shakespeare was born in which English town?
 - A. Henley-on-Thames
 - B. Stratford-upon-Avon
 - C. Bourton-on-the-water
2. What was the name of Shakespeare's wife?
 - A. Anne Hathaway
 - B. Elizabeth Roberts
 - C. Juliette Sumers
3. How many sonnets did Shakespeare write?
 - A. 154
 - B. 275
 - C. 175
4. How many times does suicide occur in Shakespeare's plays?
 - A. Thirteen
 - B. Twelve
 - C. Twenty
5. What is the name of Shakespeare's theater?
 - A. The Globe
 - B. The Rose
 - C. Swan Theatre



6. Where is Shakespeare buried?

- A. St. Michael's Cemetery
- B. St. John's Cemetery
- C. Holy Trinity Church, in Stratford upon-Avon

7. How much money did the audience pay to see a play by William Shakespeare in the Globe Theatre during his lifetime?

- A. Nothing
- B. 1 penny
- C. 1 pound

8. Which of the following works by Shakespeare is not a comedy?

- A. As You Like It
- B. Twelfth Night
- C. Antony and Cleopatra

9. How many brothers and sisters did William Shakespeare have?

- A. 2
- B. 5
- C. 7

10. What was the name of William Shakespeare's mother?

- A. Annie
- B. Mary
- C. Sandra

11. The tragedy "Hamlet" is set in the Kronborg Castle in which country?

- A. Denmark
- B. Germany
- C. Sweden

12. Which of the following words can be found in a sonnet by William Shakespeare?

- A. Quarter
- B. Quart
- C. Quatrain

13. In "Romeo and Juliet", how old is Juliet?

- A. 13
- B. 15
- C. 17

14. The words “to be or not to be” are made by which fictional character in Shakespeare’s play?

- A. Tess Durbeyfield
- B. Hamlet
- C. Juliet Capulet

15. Falstaff is a character in which play by William Shakespeare?

- A. The Merry Wives of Windsor
- B. King Lear
- C. Henry VIII

16. Which of the following is known as “the Scottish play”?

- A. King Lear
- B. Titus Andronicus
- C. Macbeth

17. The play “Romeo and Juliet” is set in which Italian city?

- A. Verona
- B. Florence
- C. Napoli

18. What is the name of the book that collected all plays by William Shakespeare after his death?

- A. First collection
- B. First folio
- C. First book

19. What is the longest play by William Shakespeare with more than 4,000 lines?

- A. Richard III
- B. Hamlet
- C. Romeo and Juliet

20. Which of the following works is a poem by William Shakespeare?

- A. King John
- B. Venus and Adonis
- C. Pericles



21. What was the last play written by William Shakespeare?

- A. The Two Noble Kinsmen
- B. The Tempest
- C. Two Gentleman of Verona

22. All of the following plays by William Shakespeare have ghosts, EXCEPT...

- A. Richard III
- B. Macbeth
- C. Antony and Cleopatra

23. What does a sonnet by William Shakespeare typically end with?

- A. A rhyming couplet
- B. A blank verse
- C. An alexandrine or a line of 12 syllables

24. How old was William Shakespeare when he died?

- A. 37
- B. 45
- C. 52

25. Complete the following quote in the play "Macbeth": "When shall we three meet again, In thunder, lightning, or in ..."

- A. Sun
- B. Rain
- C. Wind

26. Which of the following modern films is not adapted from a Shakespeare work?

- A. Clueless
- B. She's the Man
- C. Forbidden Planet

27. Which play by William Shakespeare has been adapted the most for films?

- A. Romeo and Juliet
- B. Hamlet
- C. The Merchant of Venice



28. What is the shortest play written by William Shakespeare?

- A. Midsummer Night's Dream
- B. Two Gentlemen of Verona
- C. Comedy of Errors

29. Two plays by William Shakespeare, including "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Hamlet", were translated into which fictional language?

- A. Na'vi
- B. Elvish
- C. Klingon

30. The history play "Henry IV, Part 1" by William Shakespeare contains up to 600 references to different types of which animal?

- A. Horse
- B. Birds
- C. Fish



Shakespeare Trivia Answers

1. B

2. A

3. A

4. A

5. A

6. C

7. B

8. C

9. B

10. B

11. B

12. C

13. A

14. B

15. A

16. C

17. A

18. B

19. B

20. B

21. A

22. C

23. A

24. C

25. B

26. A

27. B

28. C

29. C

30. B