***Hamlet***

**Final Test**

**I. (A) Multiple Choice Value 40**

**Read each question carefully and then record the best answer on the sheet provided.**

1. What do Hamlet, Laertes, and Fortinbras have in common?

(a) They all go to the same college.

(b) They are all patriotic Danes.

(c) Their fathers have all been killed.

(d) Their mothers have all been unfaithful.

2. Laertes is best described as

(a) direct, impulsive

(b) thoughtful, melancholy

(c) wise, compassionate

(d) ambitious, cruel

3. The play-within-a-play is a device

(a) to break up the tragic action of the play

(b) to allow the main characters a break

(c) to provide comic relief

(d) to help Hamlet identify his father’s murderer

4. Regarding the play-within-a-play, Claudius

(a) enjoys the show the actors put on

(b) pays no attention to the plot

© reveals his guilt by his actions

(d) suspects Hamlet changed the script

5. The soliloquy “To be, or not to be” is a meditation on

(a) war and peace

(b) life and death

(c) good and evil

(d) corruption and ideal society

6. Hamlet tells Ophelia, “Get thee to a nunnery” because

(a) she’d be richer there

(b) he, himself, is very religious

(c) he fears for her life

(d) she must not be a “breeder of sinners”

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7. In his mother’s chamber, Hamlet strikes through a screen and thinks he has killed

(a) Claudius

(b) Polonius

(c) Fortinbras

(d) Laertes

8. The Ghost reappears in Gertrude’s chamber to

(a) see how his former wife is getting along

(b) whet Hamlet’s “almost blunted purpose”

(c) make Hamlet’s task easier

(d) sympathize with the new ghost of Polonius

9. Fortinbras’s importance for Hamlet lies in he fact that

(a) Hamlet sees him as an enemy

(b) Hamlet sees him as a possible ally

(c) Hamlet learns from his decisiveness

(d) Hamlet would like to go to Poland

10. Claudius is all of the following EXCEPT

(a) Hamlet’s uncle

(b) Gertrude’s husband

(c) king of Denmark

(d) King of Scotland

11. Hamlet’s father’s ghost does all of the following EXCEPT

(a) appears to Gertrude in her chambers

(b) appears to Horatio, Marcellus, and Barnardo

(c) tells Hamlet how Claudius murdered him

(d) demands that Hamlet take revenge on Claudius

12. What excuse does Claudius use for sending Hamlet to England?

(a) Ophelia’s madness

(b) the return of Laertes

(c) the death of Polonius

(d) Gertrude’s illness

13. What convinces Hamlet of Claudius’s guilt in the death of Hamlet’s father?

(a) Claudius looks guilty and cannot sleep at night

(b) Gertrude confirms Claudius’s role in the death

(c) The ghost of Hamlet’s father says Claudius did it

(d) Claudius has a violent reaction to the play Hamlet stages

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14. Hamlet kills all of the following EXCEPT

(a) Gertrude

(b) Laertes

(c) Claudius

(d) Polonius

15. The clowns/gravediggers in Act V are burying

(a) Gertrude

(b) Polonius

(c) Hamlet

(d) Ophelia

16. Before he dies, Laertes

(a) asks for Hamlet’s forgiveness

(b) curses Hamlet

(c) admits his guilt

(d) welcomes Fortinbras

17. All of the following theories are proposed for Hamlet’s madness EXCEPT

(a) Polonius thinks Hamlet is mad with love for Ophelia

(b) Fortinbras thinks Hamlet is mad with power and ambition

(c) Gertrude thinks Hamlet is mad with grief over his father’s death

(d) Ophelia thinks Hamlet has gone mad because of the threat of war.

18. Whom does Polonius send to France to spy on Laertes?

(a) Reynaldo

(b) Ophelia

(c) Guido

(d) Marcellus

19. Where does the ghost appear during the play?

(a) The castle ramparts and the great hall of Elsinore

(b) Fortinbras’s tent and Hamlet’s bedchamber

(c) The castle ramparts and Gertrude’s bedchamber

(d) Gertrude’s bedchamber and the great hall of Elsinore

20. How did Claudius murder King Hamlet?

(a) By stabbing him through an arras

(b) By pouring poison into his ear

(c) By ordering him to be hanged

(d) By poisoning his wineglass

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21. Where is the university at which Horatio and Hamlet studied?

(a) Paris

(b) Oxford

(c) Constantinople

(d) Wittenberg

22. Whose skull does Hamlet discover in the churchyard?

(a) The former court jester’s

(b) Reynaldo’s

(c) Ophelia’s

(d) His father’s

23. Which of the following characters cannot see the ghost?

(a) Marcellus

(b) Hamlet

(c) Gertrude

(d) Horatio

24. Who escorts Hamlet on the voyage to England?

(a) Cornelius and Voltimand

(b) Rosencrantz and Guildenstern

(c) Marcellus and Bernardo

(d) Captain Vicissus and the one-eyed thief

25. Where do Hamlet and Laertes fight during Ophelia’s funeral?

(a) In the nearby woods

(b) Beside Ophelia’s grave

(c) Inside the church

(d) Inside the grave itself

26. Which of the following characters survive the play?

(a) Fortinbras, Horatio, and Osric

(b) Prince Hamlet, Polonius, and Gertrude

(c) Claudius, Rosencrantz, and Guildenstern

(d) Ophelia, Laertes, and King Hamlet

27. What does Hamlet claim to be able to tell the difference between when the wind is from the south?

(a) A flea and a fire log

(b) A nymph and a nihilist

(c) A hawk and a handsaw

(d) A shark and St. Timothy

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28. How does Ophelia die?

(a) Claudius stabs her

(b) Hamlet strangles her

(c) She slits her wrists

(d) She drowns in the river

29. Whose story does Hamlet ask the players to tell upon their arrival to Elsinore?

(a) Priam and Hecuba’s

(b) Antony and Cleopatra’s

(c) Gertrude and Claudius’s

(d) His father’s

30. Why, according to Polonius, has Hamlet gone mad?

(a) He grieves too much for his father

(b) He despises Claudius for marrying Gertrude

(c) He is in love with Ophelia

(d) He is jealous of Laertes and longs to return to Wittenberg

31. Who is the last character to die in the play?

(a) Horatio

(b) Hamlet

(c) Claudius

(d) Fortinbrad

32. How many characters die during the course of the play?

(a) Two

(b) Five

(c) Seven

(d) Eight

33. Who speaks the famous “To be, or not to be” soliloquy?

(a) Claudius

(b) Hamlet

(c) The ghost

(d) Laertes

34. In what country do Rosencrantz and Guildenstern die?

(a) Belgium

(b) Denmark

(c) England

(d) Poland

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35. Why does Hamlet decide not to kill Claudius after the traveling players’ play?

(a) Claudius is praying

(b) Claudius is asleep

(c) Claudius pleads for mercy

(d) Gertrude is in the next room

36. Who killed Fortinbras’s father?

(a) Prince Hamlet

(b) Laertes

(c) Fortinbras

(d) Hamlet’s father

37. Which character speaks the first line of the play?

(a) Bernardo

(b) Francisco

(c) Hamlet

(d) Horatio

38. In which of the following years was Hamlet most likely written?

(a) 1570

(b) 1601

(c) 1581

(d) 1610

39. Which of Claudius and Laertes’ traps for Hamlet succeeds in killing him?

(a) The poisoned cup

(b) The sharpened sword

(c) The poisoned dagger

(d) The poisoned sword

40. Which character speaks from beneath the stage toward the end of Act I?

(a) The ghost

(b) Hamlet

(c) Claudius

(d) Polonius

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**Answer Sheet**

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