1. What is Shylock’s reaction when Antonio asks Shylock to hear him out? 3

Ans. When Antonio requests Shylock to hear him out, he reminds Antonio that he had called him a dog without a cause and as he is a dog now Antonio should be aware of his fangs.

1. What is Shylock’s grudge against the gaoler? 3

Ans. Shylock is annoyed with the Gaoler as he has allowed Antonio to come out and speak with him. He also does not like the fact that the Gaoler has accompanied Antonio and is requesting Shylock on Antonio’s behalf.

1. What does Solanio say was unlikely to happen? 2

Ans. He says that he is sure that the Duke would never grant a forfeiture of this kind that would cause such harm to any human especially to any person like

1. What does Antonio jokingly say about the extraction of his flesh at the end of the scene? 3

Ans. Antonio is quite depressed at the end of the scene. He says that he has been so bated by these griefs and losses that he shall hardly have a pound of flesh to give his bloody creditor Shylock the next day.

1. According to Lorenzo why would Portia be proud of her action of helping out Antonio? How much proud would she be? 4

Ans. According to Lorenzo, Portia would be prouder of her work when she would know to what kind of a gentleman she has shown this honour. He is a true gentleman to whom she has sent relief. He is a dear lover of her husband, Bassanio. It would make her prouder than what customary bounty can enforce her.

1. What instruction does Portia give to Lorenzo? What reason does she give for giving that responsibility to him? 3

Ans. Portia commits into Lorenzo’s hands the husbandry and management of her house until her lord’s return. She tells him to not deny the imposition which her love and necessity made her place it on him.

1. What opinion does Launcelot share at the start of Act 3, Scene 5? 3

Ans. Launcelot tells Jessica that the sins of the father are to be laid upon the children. He says that he fears for her and is being plain with her. He tells her to cheer up as he truly thinks that she would be damned. The only hope that he has for her is what he calls a bastard hope.

1. State Launcelot’s play of words when he was told to prepare dinner. 4

Ans. When Launcelot is told by Lorenzo to tell the servants to prepare for dinner, he says that they are already prepared as they all have stomach. On being told, to tell them to prepare that it is ready to and they have to use the word ‘cover’. When Lorenzo asks him to cover, Launcelot deliberately misinterprets the cover to mean covering of the head. He says that he knows his duty and he cannot do that.