

MCQs on Shakespeare's Othello

1. Who is Desdemona's father?
 - a. The Duke
 - b. Lodovico
 - c. Cassio
 - d. **Brabantio**

2. Who orders Othello to travel to Cyprus to fight?
 - a. **The duke**
 - b. Lodovico
 - c. Bianca
 - d. Brabantio

3. Montano is the governor of _____.
 - a. England
 - b. Morocco
 - c. **Cyprus**
 - d. America

4. Emilia is the wife of _____.
 - a. Desdemona
 - b. **Iago**
 - c. Bianca
 - d. Angelina

5. Who tells Rodrigo to spread the news that Cassio is mutinous?
 - a. Othello
 - b. Montano
 - c. The duke
 - d. **Iago**

6. What was the first gift of Othello to Desdemona?
 - a. A letter
 - b. A necklace
 - c. **A handkerchief**
 - d. A ring

7. Who is the most deceitful villain in the play *Othello* ?
- Cassio
 - Iago**
 - Othello
 - Desdemona
8. Who is a kinsman of Desdemona's father?
- Montano
 - Othello
 - Lodovico**
 - Cassio
9. Who brings Othello a letter from the Duke?
- Lodovico**
 - Montano
 - Cassio
 - Iago
10. Which song did Emilia sing?
- Love song
 - Willow Song**
 - Sad song
 - Party song
11. Who installs Cassio as the ruler of Cyprus at the end of the play?
- Brabantio
 - Lodovico**
 - Montano
 - Othello
12. _____ is charged with determining Iago's punishment.
- Othello
 - Desdemona
 - Cassio**
 - Roderigo

13. Who inherits Othello's fortunes ?
- Brabantio
 - Iago
 - Gratiano**
 - Desdemona
14. Cassio falls in love with ____.
- Desdemona
 - Bianca**
 - Emilia
 - Angelina
15. ____ is chosen over Iago to be Othello's lieutenant.
- Roderigo
 - Othello
 - Cassio**
 - Montano
16. Who travels to Cyprus with Desdemona?
- Emilia**
 - Angelina
 - Austin
 - Emily
17. _____ is the only character whom Iago cannot totally manipulate.
- Desdemona
 - Bianca
 - Emilia
 - Emilia**
18. Montano is the Governor of ____.
- Morocco
 - Cyprus**
 - America
 - England

19. Gratiano is a Kinsman of _____.
- Iago
 - Othello
 - Brabantio**
 - The duke
20. Who stabs Cassio?
- Roderigo and Lodovico**
 - Lodovico and Montano
 - Iago and Roderigo
 - Montano and Othello
21. Who brings a letter from the Duke of Venice?
- Montano
 - Lodovico**
 - Brabantio
 - Cassio
22. Who is a general of the Venetian armed forces ?
- Desdemona
 - Othello**
 - Iago
 - Cassio
23. Who placed Othello in charge of the troops?
- Montano and team
 - Othello and army
 - The duke of Venice and the Venetian senators.**
 - Cassio and governors
24. Who is a Venetian desperately desiring Desdemona?
- Cassio
 - Othello
 - Roderigo**
 - Iago

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25. Roderigo gave _____ money to negotiate with Desdemona on his behalf.
- Othello
 - Cassio
 - Brabantio
 - Iago**
26. What pattern is embroidered on the handkerchief given by Desdemona to Othello?
- Strawberries**
 - Dots
 - Leaves
 - Daggers
27. How is the Turkish fleet thwarted?
- In a battle with Othello's fleet
 - By a storm**
 - By mutiny
 - In a battle with ships from Rhodes
28. What rank does Cassio hold before Othello strips it from him?
- Corporal
 - Private
 - Lieutenant**
 - Colonel
29. Which of the following animal epithets is not applied to Othello during the play?
- Ram
 - Horse
 - Serpent**
 - Ass
30. How old is Iago?
- Thirty-five
 - Nineteen
 - TWENTY-EIGHT**
 - Fifty
31. What is Brabantio's position in Venice?
- Senator**
 - Duke
 - Constable
 - Stable-hand

32. Where does Iago tell Roderigo that Othello and Desdemona are sailing to from Cyprus?
- Moroco
 - America
 - Crete
 - Mauritania**
33. What did Desdemona find attractive about Othello?
- His strong hands
 - His beautifully crafted armor
 - His handkerchief
 - The stories he told about his past**
34. What rank does Iago begrudgingly hold?
- Colonel
 - Sergeant
 - Ensign**
 - Captain
35. From whom did Desdemona first hear the “ Song of ‘Willow’ ”?
- Othello
 - Her mother’s maid, Barbary**
 - The clown
 - Emilia
36. Which of the following epithets is most commonly applied to Iago throughout the play?
- honest**
 - fat
 - stubborn
 - ugly
37. Whose death does Graziano report in the final scene?
- Duke’s
 - Lodovico’s
 - Bianca’s
 - Brabantio’s**

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38. Which of Cassio's weaknesses does Iago exploit?
- His inability to ride a horse
 - Low tolerance for alcohol**
 - A bad knee
 - Short attention span
39. Whom does Iago refer to as the true general?
- The duke
 - Brabantio
 - Desdemona**
 - Lodovico
40. How does Othello kill Desdemona?
- He stabs her.
 - He smothers her.**
 - He strangles her.
 - He beats her to death.
41. What, according to Iago, is the "green-eyed monster"?
- Envy
 - Greed
 - Sexual desire
 - Jealousy**
42. Whom does Cassio wound in the drunken brawl of Act II, scene iii?
- Roderigo
 - Iago
 - Montano**
 - Graziano
43. With whom does Cassio dine the night he is stabbed?
- Roderigo
 - Lodovico
 - Bianca**
 - Desdemona

44. What does Othello hold as he stands over the sleeping Desdemona?
- A Light**
 - A sword
 - A flower
 - A pillow
45. Who is the first character to refer to Othello by name?
- The Duke**
 - Iago
 - Brabantio
 - Desdemona
46. According to Lodovico's letter, who is to replace Othello as governor of Cyprus?
- Montano
 - Cassio**
 - Iago
 - Lodovico
47. On the night of her death, what does Desdemona ask Emilia to do?
- Put ribbons in Desdemona's hair
 - Sing Desdemona to sleep
 - Put Desdemona's wedding sheets on the bed**
 - Embroider Desdemona a new handkerchief
48. What does Iago counsel Roderigo to do?
- "Put seeds in thy garden"
 - "Put money in thy purse"**
 - "Put woman out of thy mind"
 - "Put thy head upon my shoulder"

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