Act I Study Questions

1. What part does Bottom want to play?

a. Pyramus

b. Thisbe

c. The lion

d. mother of Thisbe

e. None of the above

2. How did Theseus get Hippolyta to marry him?

a. She loved him that much

b. They are family friends and grew up together

c. He battled her in war and won

d. He asked her, and she said yes

e. He enticed her with his attractive smile

3. Who will play Thisbe?

a. Bottom

b. Flute

c. Quince

d. Starveling

e. Snug

4. What choices does Hermia have that the Duke offers?

a. Die

b. Marry Demetrius

c. Join a convent

d. Run away

e. Go to prison

5. LYSANDER and HERMIA are to run away to which family member of Lysander?

A.) His grandmother

B.) His cousin

C.) His aunt

D.) His uncle

E.) His mom

6. Who disapproves of Lysander and his love for Hermia?

a.Demetrius

b.Oberon

c.Titania

d.Egeus

e.Hippolyta

7. Over how many days does this play occur? Clue: how many days away is Hippolyta and Theseus’s wedding when the story opens?

a.4

b.5

C. 6

D. 7

E. 2

8. What is Egeus’ alternative for Hermia if she does not marry Demetrius?

  a. Marry Lysander

  b. Become a nun

  c. Become a servant

  d. Be banished

  e. Be put to death

9. What does Egeus accuse Lysander of in the opening scene?

A. Stealing Hermia's heart

B. Making Hermia stubborn and disobedient toward him (Egeus)

C. Bewitching Hermia, who is an innocent youth

D. Making Hermia unchaste

E. All of the above

10. Helena's pursuit of Demetrius (despite his lack of interest in her) goes against which characteristic of Athenian society?

A. Fasting on the Sabbath

B. Athenian society’s view of polygamy

C. women’s role as submissive

D. Marrying those with common beliefs

E. None of the above

11. Why does Oberon want the Indian  boy?

A. To take him back to the boy’s house

B. As a henchman/soldier for his order

C. To train him in magic to keep him and his fairies safe

D. To be entertained by him as a practical jokester like Puck

E. To raise up as his own son

12. What does Theseus suggest about sexuality when he is cautioning Hermia to question her desires?

A. Chaste nuns are well-rewarded in Heaven

B. Virgins are more honored in society than wives

C. Sexual desires are dangerous and impure

D. Sexual desire should only be confined within arranged marriage

E. A woman’s role is best served in society as wife and mother

13. What title does Theseus hold?

1. King
2. Duke
3. Prince
4. servant to the Duke
5. Chef

14. What reason(s) do Lysander and Hermia NOT give as an example to illustrate Lysander's line "the course of true love never did run smooth"?

A. The lovers are born into different social classes

B. The lovers' ages are too far apart

C. The lovers’ relatives or friends are not in favor of their love and choose another

D. The love only lasts a short time because of war, disease or something else

E. The lovers are separated because one of the lovers is banished from the land

15. Who says this quote to whom? "You have her father’s love, Let me have Hermia’s; do you marry him."

   A. Lysander to Demetrius

   B. Demetrius to Lysander

   C. Oberon to Bottom

   D. Lysander to Oberon

   E. None of the above

16. What options does Egeus give Hermia regarding marriage?

1. Marry Lysander or die
2. Become a nun or die
3. Marry Demetrius, become a nun, or die
4. Marry Demetrius or die
5. Marry Lysander, become a nun, or die

17. What was/were Egeus’s complaint(s) to Thesus?

A. Demetrius has permission to marry Hermia but he will not

B. Demetrius does not love Hermia

C. Hermia has become willful and disobedient toward Egeus because of Lysander

D. Lysander has wooed Hermia without permission

E. Demetrius loves Hermia

18.  What does Lysander accuse Demetrius of doing?

A) wooing Helena and then dropping her like a hot potato

B) destroying the marriage of Oberon and Titania

C) cheating on Hermia, then going to Helena, then cheating on Helena for Hermia

D) lying to Egeus about how much land and money he has to offer Hermia

E) telling lies about Lysander to make Egeus hate Lysander

19. Why does Flute say he cannot play Thisby?

1. He is too muscular to play a lady
2. He has too deep of a voice
3. He is too tall
4. He has a beard coming
5. His feet are too large to fit into the woman’s shoes for the play

20. What part in the play is Bottom at first cast as?

A. Pyramus’s father

B. Thisbe’s mother

C. Pyramus

D. A donkey

E. Thisbe

21. Why does Helena tell Demetrius that Hermia and Lysander have left?

1. To make him mad
2. So she can watch him leave and return
3. To trick him
4. So he can win Hermia
5. So he will thank her

22. Lysanders’ plan is:

1. Flee to the woods and live there with Hermia
2. Have Hermia marry Demetrius
3. Let Hermia be a nun and steal her out of the convent
4. Marry Hermia, live with his aunt
5. Trick Demetrius into thinking Helena is Hermia

23. What has Lysander done to woo Hermia?

A. Gave her love tokens

B. Bought her shoes and shawls

C. Took her on a date

D. Sang at her window

E. Smiled—he is just so charming he needs to do nothing else

24. In what city does the play begin?

A. London

B. Venice

C. Rome

D. Athens

E. Amazonia

25. During the reading of the play’s cast and the roles, Bottom:

A. waits patiently for his name

B. continuously interjects

C. reads off the names from the list

D. wants to play multiple roles

E. None of the Above

26. In the beginning Helena wishes she

A. could gain Demetrius’s affection

B. could be more like Hyppolyta

C. could gain Lysander’s affection

D. could sail away from Athens and live with Demetrius

E. could be free from the tyrannical rule of Egeus

27. Besides Pyramus, Bottom also asks to play:

A. Thisbe

B. the lion

C. the moon

D. Thisbe’s mother

E. all of the above

28. Francis Flute is cast as:

A. a wandering knight

B. Pyramus

C. Egeus

D. Pyramus’s father

E. none of the above

KEY

1. A, B, C

2. C

3. B

4. A, B, C

5. C

6. A, D

7. A

8. E

9. A, B, C

10. C

11. B

12. A, E

13. B

14. E

15. A

16. D

17. C, D

18. A

19. D

20. C

21. B, E

22. D

23. A, D

24. D

25. B, D

26. A

27. A, B

28. E—he is cast as Thisbe