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**ELA B10**

**Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare**

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**Act III Questions**

***Act III Scene i***

1. Is Shylock merely annoyed at the loss of his money or is he furious? Explain your reasoning.
2. Why does Shylock insist upon his bond even though he gains nothing materially from it?
3. Shylock is delighted when Antonio’s misfortune is confirmed. Quote the line which reveals that revenge becomes Shylock’s primary motive.

***Act III Scene ii***

1. Why does Portia want to delay Bassanio’s choice at the caskets?
2. What reason does Bassanio give for wanting to choose immediately?
3. What two reasons does Portia give for playing music while Bassanio contemplates his choice? What is her real reason?
4. What climatic point is reached in the Casket Plot?

***Act III Scene iii***

1. What is Shakespeare’s purpose for including this brief scene?

***Act III Scene iv***

1. Quote the lines that reveal Portia’s intentions during Bassanio’s absence to Venice.
2. What is her real intention?
3. Who does she share her real intentions with?

***Act III Scene v***

1. What is the purpose of this seemingly unnecessary scene with Jessica, Lorenzo and company at Belmont?