

MOOC
THE RENAISSANCE & SHAKESPEARE

MCQ
Week 1
Full Marks: 10

1. Richard Burbage was
 - A. A dramatist of Shakespeare's time
 - B. Shakespeare's publisher
 - C. An actor, theatre manager and owner of Shakespeare's time
 - D. A courtier in Queen Elizabeth I's court

2. A person popularly known as the Father of Humanism was
 - A. Pico della Mirandola
 - B. Erasmus
 - C. Machiavelli
 - D. Petrarch

3. Masaccio introduced to Italian Renaissance art
 - A. Solidity in human figures and a secular point of view
 - B. Elongated figures
 - C. The use of perspective
 - D. Allegory

4. (i) William Shakespeare's career spanned the reign of Queen Elizabeth I
(ii) William Shakespeare's career spanned the reign of King James I
 - A. Only (i) is true
 - B. Only (ii) is true
 - C. Both (i) and (ii) are true
 - D. Both (i) and (ii) are false

5. The Copernican Revolution was made possible by the scientific research of
 - A. Galileo
 - B. Copernicus
 - C. Kepler
 - D. All of the above

6. The defeat of the Spanish Armada
 - A. Occurred in 1588
 - B. Was one of the glorious triumphs of Queen Elizabeth I's reign
 - C. Established England's supremacy at sea
 - D. All of the above

7. Edmund Spenser's *The Faerie Queene*
 - A. Praises Queen Elizabeth I unequivocally
 - B. Expresses oblique criticism of Queen Elizabeth I and her court

- C. Deals exclusively with Arthurian characters with no connection to Elizabethan figures
 - D. Is a beast fable
8. Women in the Renaissance
- A. Had tremendous autonomy and freedom
 - B. Had free access to education
 - C. Could inherit property
 - D. Had none of the above
9. The performance of the trial scene from *The Merchant of Venice*
- A. Complicated issues of race, class, gender and law for the student performers
 - B. Presented Portia as a wholly laudable figure to the students
 - C. Provided great amusement to the students
 - D. Demonstrated that Shylock was an unmitigated villain to the students
10. William Shakespeare's dates are
- A. 1560-1616
 - B. 1564-1616
 - C. 1570-1603
 - D. 1569-1615