

1. **What does Shakespeare compare the world to?**  
**Answer:** A stage.
2. **How many stages of life are described in the poem?**  
**Answer:** Seven.
3. **What is the first stage of life called?**  
**Answer:** Infant.
4. **What does the infant do in the nurse's arms?**  
**Answer:** Mewling (crying) and puking (vomiting).
5. **How does the school-boy walk to school?**  
**Answer:** Slowly, like a snail.
6. **What does the lover write for his beloved?**  
**Answer:** A woeful ballad (sad love song).
7. **What is the soldier's beard compared to?**  
**Answer:** A leopard (pard).
8. **What does the soldier seek?**  
**Answer:** Bubble reputation (short-lived fame).
9. **How is the justice described physically?**  
**Answer:** Round belly, severe eyes, formal beard.
10. **What is the sixth stage called?**  
**Answer:** Pantaloon (old man).
11. **What happens to the old man's voice in the sixth stage?**  
**Answer:** It becomes childish and high-pitched (treble).
12. **What is the final stage of life called?**  
**Answer:** Second childishness.
13. **What does "sans" mean in the poem?**  
**Answer:** Without.
14. **What is the final stage of life like?**  
**Answer:** Without teeth, eyes, taste, or anything (oblivion).
15. **What figure of speech is "sighing like furnace"?**  
**Answer:** Simile.
16. **What figure of speech is "all the world's a stage"?**  
**Answer:** Metaphor.
17. **What is a pantaloon in the poem?**  
**Answer:** A foolish old man wearing loose trousers.
18. **What is the justice full of?**  
**Answer:** Wise saws (advice) and modern instances (examples).

19. **Who is the author of the poem?**

**Answer:** William Shakespeare.

20. **From which play is the poem taken?**

**Answer:** As You Like It.

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