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1. From which play is "The Seven Ages of Man" taken?

a) Romeo and Juliet b) As You Like It c) Macbeth d) Hamlet **Answer**: b) As You Like It

2. What does Shakespeare compare the world to in the poem?

- a) A book
- b) A stage
- c) A river
- d) A dream
- Answer: b) A stage

3. How many stages of life are described in the poem?

- a) Five
- b) Six
- c) Seven
- d) Eight
- Answer: c) Seven

4. What is the first stage of life called?

- a) School-boy
- b) Infant
- c) Lover
- d) Soldier

Answer: b) Infant

5. What does the infant do in the nurse's arms?

- a) Laughing and playing
- b) Mewling and puking
- c) Singing and dancing
- d) Reading and writing
- Answer: b) Mewling and puking

6. What does "mewling" mean?

- a) Laughing
- b) Crying softly
- c) Singing
- d) Shouting
- Answer: b) Crying softly

7. How is the school-boy described in the poem?

- a) Brave and strong
- b) Whining and unwilling
- c) Wise and calm
- d) Old and weak
- Answer: b) Whining and unwilling

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8. What simile is used for the school-boy's walk to school?

a) Like a lion
b) Like a snail
c) Like a furnace
d) Like a pard
Answer: b) Like a snail

9. What does the school-boy carry?

- a) A sword
- b) A satchel
- c) A book
- d) A pouch
- Answer: b) A satchel

10. What does "satchel" mean?

- a) A school bag
- b) A weapon
- c) A hat
- d) A shoe
- Answer: a) A school bag

11. What does the lover do in the poem?

- a) Fights bravely b) Sighs like a furnace
- c) Gives wise advice
- d) Forgets everything
- Answer: b) Sighs like a furnace

12. What does the lover write for his beloved?

- a) A war song
- b) A woeful ballad
- c) A wise saying
- d) A funny story
- Answer: b) A woeful ballad

13. What does "woeful ballad" mean?

- a) A happy poem
- b) A sad love song
- c) A battle cry
- d) A school lesson
- Answer: b) A sad love song

14. How is the soldier's beard described?

- a) Like a snail
- b) Like a furnace
- c) Like the pard
- d) Like a bubble
- Answer: c) Like the pard

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15. What does "pard" refer to in the poem?

- a) A lion
- b) A leopard
- c) A tiger
- d) A wolf
- Answer: b) A leopard

16. What does the soldier seek?

- a) Wisdom
- b) Love
- c) Bubble reputation
- d) Wealth
- Answer: c) Bubble reputation

17. What does "bubble reputation" mean?

- a) Lasting fame
- b) Short-lived fame
- c) Wealth
- d) Honor
- Answer: b) Short-lived fame

18. What is the justice known for?

- a) Fighting bravely
- b) Wise saws and modern instances
- c) Writing love songs
- d) Crying like an infant

Answer: b) Wise saws and modern instances

19. What does "capon-lined" describe about the justice?

- a) His eyes
- b) His beard
- c) His round belly
- d) His voice
- Answer: c) His round belly

20. What does "saw" mean in the poem?

- a) A tool
- b) A wise saying
- c) A song
- d) A fight

Answer: b) A wise saying

21. What is the sixth stage of life called?

- a) Justice
- b) Pantaloon
- c) Soldier
- d) Second childishness
- Answer: b) Pantaloon

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22. What physical feature does the pantaloon have?

- a) Shining morning face
- b) Spectacles on nose
- c) Round belly
- d) Strange oaths
- Answer: b) Spectacles on nose

23. What happens to the pantaloon's voice?

- a) It becomes loud
- b) It turns childish (treble)
- c) It stays the same
- d) It becomes deep
- Answer: b) It turns childish (treble)

24. What does "hose" refer to in the poem?

- a) A bag
- b) Tight stockings
- c) A hat
- d) A weapon
- Answer: b) Tight stockings

25. What is the final stage of life described as?

- a) Second childishness
- b) Lover's passion
- c) Soldier's bravery
- d) Justice's wisdom

Answer: a) Second childishness

26. What does "sans" mean in the poem?

- a) With
- b) Without
- c) Before
- d) After
- Answer: b) Without

27. What is the final stage characterized by?

- a) Fame and honor
- b) Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans everything
- c) Wisdom and advice
- d) Love and passion

Answer: b) Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans everything

28. Which figure of speech is "all the world's a stage"?

- a) Simile
- b) Metaphor
- c) Alliteration
- d) Personification
- Answer: b) Metaphor

29. Which figure of speech is "creeping like snail"?

- a) Metaphor
- b) Simile
- c) Alliteration
- d) Hyperbole
- Answer: b) Simile

www.educationobserver.com 30. Who is known as the "Bard of Avon"?

- a) William Shakespeare