

KLINE MEMORIAL SCHOOL OF UBS (2020_2021)

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE- Act 3, scene 3,5

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Worksheet – 5

Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

QUESTION 1 :

Shylock: I'll have my bond, speak not against my bond,

I have sworn an oath that I will have my bond.

Thou call'dst me dog before thou hadst a cause,

But, since I am a dog, beware my fangs:

The Duke shall grant me justice. I do wonder,

Thou naughty gallery, that thou art so fond

To come abroad with him at his request.

- a) Who is Shylock speaking these lines to? In what condition does this person appear before Shylock? Why is he in this condition?
- b) What are Shylock's grievances against this person? Write in detail.
- c) If Shylock is a 'dog', then what could be his 'fangs'?
- d) Give the meaning of : i) naughty ii) fond iii) abroad
- e) Why is Shylock confident that the Duke will grant him justice? What does this tell you about the stature of foreigners in Venice?

QUESTION 2:

Jessica: Past all expressing. It is very meet

The Lord Bassanio live an upright life,

For, having such a blessing in his lady,

He finds the joys of heaven here on earth,

And if on earth he do not mean it, then

In reason he should never come to heaven.

- a) To whose question does Jessica give this answer? Who is 'Past all expressing'?
- b) Where are Jessica and Lorenzo at this time? What responsibility has been entrusted to them? Why was there the need to do so?
- c) Explain the line 'And if on earth he do not mean it, then In reason he should never come to heaven. '
- d) What does Jessica say next to show the worth of a person like Portia? Explain in your own words.
- e) What does the person spoken to say about himself immediately after? What praise had he bestowed on Portia in the previous scene?