

THE LADY, OR THE TIGER?

Selection Test A**Comprehension**

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.
(6 points each)

1. What does the king enjoy doing in the arena?
 - A. watching wild animals hunt
 - B. seeing gladiators fight battles
 - C. punishing people guilty of crimes
 - D. holding all the kingdom's weddings
2. How does the author use words to show his tone toward events in this excerpt?
"It was the duty and the privilege of the person on trial to walk directly to these doors and open one of them."
 - A. "Directly" shows a tone of acceptance.
 - B. "Privilege" shows a sarcastic tone.
 - C. "One of them" shows a fair tone.
 - D. "Duty" shows a serious tone.
3. The king believes that marrying the lady behind the door is
 - A. the only way to stop criminals
 - B. a just punishment for anyone
 - C. the way to reveal a criminal
 - D. a reward for innocence
4. Choose the paraphrase that best explains the main idea of this excerpt.
". . . never before had a subject dared to love the daughter of a king. In after-years such things became commonplace enough, but then they were, in no slight degree, novel and startling."
 - A. The love between the princess and a common man is interesting to everyone.
 - B. People look at the relationship as similar to a romance in a novel.
 - C. The people talked about the princess's love for the man for many years.
 - D. People gossiped about the king's startling response to his daughter's relationship.
5. What has the princess made sure to discover?
 - A. the door behind which the tiger is waiting
 - B. the reason for the king's anger at her lover
 - C. whether the audience wants to see the man die
 - D. whether the lady behind the door loves the man

SELECTION TEST A, CONTINUED

Vocabulary

Choose the answer that best explains the meaning of each underlined word.
(6 points each)

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| <p>6. To <u>assert</u> means to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. talk loudlyB. take chargeC. ask questionsD. interrupt rudely <p>7. What does <u>subordinate</u> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. scantB. curiousC. helpfulD. secondary <p>8. Someone who is <u>conventional</u> is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. fairB. relievedC. passionateD. traditional | <p>9. To <u>waver</u> is to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. permitB. changeC. hesitateD. cease <p>10. What does <u>anguished</u> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. distressedB. confusedC. angryD. lost |
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Written Response

Short Response On a separate sheet of paper, answer the following questions based on your knowledge of the story. (10 points each)

- 11. What are two things the audience sees in the arena if the accused person chooses the lady's door?
- 12. What is one reason that the princess believes that her lover and the lady behind the door love each other?

Extended Response Answer the following question based on your knowledge of the story. Write one or two paragraphs on a separate sheet of paper. (20 points)

- 13. How does the young man show bravery? Support your response with two details from the story.