

# Act 4 - Hamlet Practice Quiz

## Short Answer Questions

1. How does Claudius plan to have Hamlet killed once he arrives in England?
2. What happens to Ophelia in Act 4, and how do others react?
3. Describe the encounter between Hamlet and Fortinbras's army.
4. How does Laertes respond to the news of his father's death?
5. What is the significance of the letter that Hamlet sends to Horatio in Act 4?

## Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does Claudius instruct Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to do with Hamlet when they reach England?
  - a. Imprison him
  - b. Kill him
  - c. Present a letter to the King of England
  - d. Leave him there and return
2. How does Hamlet escape from the ship that is taking him to England?
  - a. He swims back to Denmark
  - b. Pirates attack the ship and take him prisoner
  - c. He bribes the sailors
  - d. He sneaks away during a storm
3. What is Laertes' reaction upon returning to Denmark and finding out about his father's death?
  - a. He seeks revenge against Claudius
  - b. He seeks revenge against Hamlet
  - c. He mourns quietly
  - d. He leaves Denmark
4. What does Ophelia distribute to the courtiers as a symbol of her madness?
  - a. Flowers
  - b. Coins
  - c. Food
  - d. Letters

5. What is the content of the letter Hamlet sends to Horatio in Act 4?
  - a. Instructions to kill Claudius
  - b. A request for help
  - c. News of his return to Denmark
  - d. A farewell note
  
6. How does Gertrude describe Ophelia's death?
  - a. As an accident
  - b. As a suicide
  - c. As an illness
  - d. As a murder
  
7. What does Fortinbras seek permission to do in Denmark?
  - a. Invade Denmark
  - b. March his army across Denmark to Poland
  - c. Meet with Claudius
  - d. Marry Ophelia
  
8. What is the main reason Laertes is angry with Claudius?
  - a. He suspects Claudius of killing his father
  - b. He believes Claudius is hiding the truth about his father's death
  - c. He is upset about Hamlet's treatment of Ophelia
  - d. He wants the throne for himself
  
9. How does Claudius try to calm Laertes down when he returns?
  - a. By promising him money
  - b. By promising him revenge against Hamlet
  - c. By telling him the truth about his father's death
  - d. By offering him a position at court
  
10. Who brings the news of Ophelia's death to Laertes and the court?
  - a. Claudius
  - b. Horatio
  - c. Gertrude
  - d. Rosencrantz

## True/False Questions

1. Claudius is confident that the King of England will kill Hamlet as requested. (T / F)
  2. Ophelia drowns after falling from a tree. (T / F)
  3. Laertes returns from France to find his father has died of natural causes. (T / F)
  4. Hamlet meets with Fortinbras in Act 4. (T / F)
  5. Gertrude supports Claudius's plan to kill Hamlet. (T / F)
  6. Hamlet is sent to England because Claudius believes he needs a vacation. (T / F)
  7. Ophelia is deeply affected by her father's death. (T / F)
  8. Claudius and Laertes plan a duel to kill Hamlet. (T / F)
  9. Hamlet is captured by pirates and taken back to Denmark. (T / F)
  10. Horatio receives a letter from Hamlet explaining how he escaped the ship to England. (T / F)
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# Act 4 - Hamlet Answer Key

## Short Answer Questions

1. Claudius plans to have Hamlet killed by sending a letter with Rosencrantz and Guildenstern instructing the King of England to execute Hamlet.
2. Ophelia goes mad and eventually drowns, which others interpret as a result of her grief and madness.
3. Hamlet encounters Fortinbras's army and is inspired by Fortinbras's determination and ambition.
4. Laertes is furious and immediately seeks revenge for his father's death, leading to his confrontation with Claudius.
5. The letter Hamlet sends to Horatio informs him of his escape from the ship and his return to Denmark.

## Multiple Choice Questions

1. c. Present a letter to the King of England
2. b. Pirates attack the ship and take him prisoner
3. b. He seeks revenge against Hamlet
4. a. Flowers
5. c. News of his return to Denmark
6. a. As an accident
7. b. March his army across Denmark to Poland
8. b. He believes Claudius is hiding the truth about his father's death
9. b. By promising him revenge against Hamlet
10. c. Gertrude

## True/False Questions

1. True
2. True
3. False (Laertes returns to find his father has been killed, not that he died of natural causes.)
4. False (Hamlet does not meet with Fortinbras; he sees Fortinbras's army.)
5. False (Gertrude is unaware of Claudius's specific plans to kill Hamlet.)
6. False (Hamlet is sent to England because Claudius wants him dead.)
7. True
8. True
9. True
10. True