

Act 1, Scene 1

Questions

1. Who do Flavius and Marullus run into on a Roman street?
2. What are the professions of the people Flavius and Marullus run into?
3. What is the cause for the holiday?
4. What do Marullus and Flavius think of the cause for the holiday?
5. What do Marullus and Flavius do with the items people have used to adorn the statue of Caesar?

Answers

1. They run into a group of commoners.
2. One of the commoners is a carpenter and the other is a cobbler.
3. Caesar has defeated Pompey.
4. Marullus and Flavius do not feel that people should be celebrating Caesar's rise to power, and they think Caesar will be a tyrant.
5. They remove them.

Act 1, Scene 2

Questions

1. What does Caesar tell Anthony to do?
2. What does the soothsayer tell Caesar to beware of?
3. What does Cassius think of Brutus?
4. What does Brutus love more than he fears death?
5. What is Cassius convinced he can do to Brutus?

Answers

1. Caesar tells Anthony to touch Calphurnia to cure her of her barrenness.
2. The soothsayer tells Caesar to beware The Ides of March.
3. Cassius thinks Brutus is noble and that he might actually make a better leader than Caesar.
4. Brutus loves honor more than he fears death.
5. Cassius is convinced he can sway Brutus in his loyalty to Caesar.

Act 1, Scene 3

Questions

1. What reasons does Casca offer as to why there is fire raining down from the sky?
2. What did Casca see in the market during the daytime?
3. What is Cassius doing when Casca finds him?
4. What does Casca say he will join?

5. Who do Casca and Cassius think they really need in order to execute their plan?

Answers

1. Casca says that perhaps there is a civil war going on in heaven, or maybe this is a sign that the gods are displeased with the things going on in the world.
2. Casca saw a nighttime bird in the market during the daytime.
3. Cassius is telling the gods to strike him with lightning.
4. Casca says he will join the conspiracy to assassinate Caesar.
5. Casca and Cassius believe Brutus must be in on their plan to murder Caesar for it to be successful.

Act 2, Scene 1

Questions

1. For whose sake is Brutus taking part in Cassius's plot to kill Caesar?
2. What day does Lucius say it is?
3. How does Brutus feel about swearing an oath and why?
4. Who does the group of conspirators decide to leave out of their plot to murder Caesar?
5. Who does Brutus ask the gods to make him worthy of?

Answers

1. Brutus is doing it for the sake of Rome.
2. It is the Ides of March.
3. Brutus says Romans are true to their word and therefore do not need to swear oaths.
4. They decide to leave Cicero out of their plan.
5. Brutus asks the gods to make him worthy of his noble wife, Portia.

Act 2, Scene 2

Questions

1. What does Calphurnia say in her sleep?
2. What does Calphurnia not want Caesar to do?
3. What is the Capitol covered in, in Calphurnia's dreams?
4. What body part was the sacrificed beast missing?
5. What does Decius tell Caesar the Senate was planning to do in order to draw Caesar out of house?

Answers

1. Calphurnia says that Caesar has been murdered.
2. Calphurnia does not want Caesar to leave the house that day.

3. The Capitol is covered in blood.
4. The beast was missing a heart.
5. Decius tells Caesar that the Senate was planning to crown him king.

Act 2, Scene 3

Questions

1. Who is speaking in this scene?
2. What is the speaker reading?
3. What does the note tell Caesar about his conspirators?
4. What does the speaker plan to do?
5. What does the speaker hope the information he has will do?

Answers

1. Artemidorius, a soothsayer
2. He is reading a note he wrote to Caesar.
3. It tells him all their names and their plot to kill him.
4. He plans to give the Caesar the note at the Capitol.
5. The soothsayer hopes that the note about the conspiracy will save Caesar's life.

Act 2, Scene 4

Questions

1. What kind of mood is Portia in?
2. What does Portia want Lucius to do?
3. What does the soothsayer say he hopes to do to Caesar?
4. What does Portia ask the soothsayer?
5. How does Portia want Lucius to tell Brutus she's feeling?

Answers

1. Portia is anxious and worried.
2. She wants Lucius to look out for Brutus and also see what Caesar is doing and who he's with.
3. The soothsayer says he hopes to befriend Caesar.
4. Portia asks the soothsayer if something is being plotted against Caesar.
5. Portia wants Lucius to tell Brutus that she is merry.

Act 3, Scene 1

Questions

1. Why does Artemidorius say Caesar should read his suit first?
2. Why does Caesar insist on reading Artemidorius's suit last?
3. Who is supposed to strike Caesar first?
4. What celestial body does Caesar compare himself to?
5. What does Brutus tell everyone to do with Caesar's blood?

Answers

1. Artemidorius says his suit is dearest, or most personally relevant, to Caesar.
2. He says he must put the affairs of Rome over his own.
3. Casca is supposed to strike first.
4. Caesar says he is as constant as the northern star.
5. Brutus tells them to bathe in Caesar's blood up to their elbows and cover their swords with it.

Act 3, Scene 2

Questions

1. What does Brutus say the people should trust?
2. Who or what does Brutus say he loved more than Caesar?
3. How many times did Caesar turn down the crown according to Antony?
4. What does Caesar leave the people in his will?
5. What does the mob decide to do to the people who murdered Caesar?

Answers

1. Brutus says the people should trust his honor.
2. Brutus says he loved Rome more than he loved Caesar.
3. Antony says Caesar turned down the crown three times.
4. Caesar leaves them gardens and money.
5. The mob decides to burn down the conspirators' homes.

Act 3, Scene 3

Questions

1. What is Cinna's profession?
2. Why does the mob take Cinna?
3. What does Cinna say to the mob in an attempt to convince them not to kill him?
4. What does the mob decide to do to Cinna?
5. What does the mob start listing as they drag Cinna away?

Answers

1. Cinna is a poet.
2. They confuse him with Cinna the politician/conspirator.
3. Cinna tries to convince the mob that they've mistaken his identity.
4. The mob decides to tear Cinna to pieces.
5. They start listing the names of the other conspirators whose houses they will burn next.

Act 4, Scene 1

Questions

1. Under what conditions does Lepidus agree to have his brother killed?
2. What is Lepidus sent to do?
3. What does Antony think of Lepidus?
4. What does Octavius think Lepidus is good at?
5. Who is raising an army?

Answers

1. Lepidus agrees that his brother can be killed as long as Antony agrees to have his nephew killed.
2. Lepidus is sent to collect Caesar's will.
3. Antony thinks Lepidus is weak.
4. Octavius thinks Lepidus is a good soldier.
5. Brutus and Cassius are raising an army.

Act 4, Scene 2

Questions

1. Who is Pindarus?
2. What does Brutus wish had never happened?
3. Where is Cassius's army staying for the night?
4. How do Brutus and Cassius feel about each other?
5. Why are Lucilius and Titinius standing guard?

Answers

1. Pindarus is a servant and friend of Cassius.
2. Brutus wishes they hadn't killed Caesar.
3. Cassius's army is staying in Sardis.
4. Their friendship is cooling; Cassius has accused Brutus of wronging him and Brutus feels uncomfortable with Cassius's behavior.
5. They are standing guard so that Brutus and Cassius can argue in private without the troops hearing.

Act 4, Scene 3

Questions

1. Who did Lucius Pella take a bribe from?
2. How did Brutus and Cassius feel Pella should be dealt with?
3. What has happened to Portia?
4. What have Octavius and Antony decreed?
5. Who or what does Brutus see in his tent?

Answers

1. He took a bribe from the Sardinians.
2. Cassius felt Pella should not be punished, but Brutus felt he should be punished.
3. She was so grief stricken by Brutus being run out of Rome that she killed herself by swallowing coals.
4. Octavius and Antony have decreed that a hundred senators must die in Rome.
5. Brutus sees the ghost of Caesar in his tent.

Act 5, Scene 1

Questions

1. What is Octavius surprised by?
2. When does Octavius say he will put his sword away?
3. What does Cassius confide in Messala?
4. What does Brutus think of suicide?
5. What does Cassius say will happen to Brutus if they are defeated?

Answers

1. Octavius is surprised that Cassius and Brutus's troops have come to meet them.
2. Octavius says he will put his sword away when he is dead, or when Caesar has been avenged.
3. Cassius tells Messala that it is his birthday.
4. Brutus thinks only cowards commit suicide.
5. Cassius says Brutus will be dragged through the streets of Rome.

Act 5, Scene 2

Questions

1. Who does Brutus send to give the troops instructions?
2. What instructions does Brutus send for the troops?
3. What does Brutus think of Octavius's troops?
4. Who does Brutus think his troops will have the most difficulty defeating?
5. Does Brutus think victory is possible?

Answers

1. Brutus sends Messala.
2. He tells the troops to come down on Octavius's troops more heavily.
3. Brutus thinks Octavius's troops would fall easily because they lack spirit.
4. Brutus thinks his troops will have the most trouble defeating Antony's troops.
5. If they are able to exploit the weakness on Octavius's side, victory may be possible.

Act 5, Scene 3

Questions

1. What does Titinius believe Brutus did too early?
2. What news does Pindarus bring Cassius?
3. What time does Cassius think is a good time to die and why?
4. What does Cassius say as he is dying?
5. What does Brutus say Cassius is the last of?

Answers

1. Titinius believes Brutus came down on Octavius's men too early.
2. Pindarus tells Cassius that Antony has invaded his tents.
3. Cassius believes his birthday is a good time to die because his life has come full circle.
4. He says Caesar has been avenged by the same sword that killed him.
5. Brutus says Cassius is the last of all Romans.

Act 5, Scene 4

Questions

1. What is Cato shouting in the streets?
2. Who is Lucilius pretending to be?
3. Why are the soldiers excited to take Lucilius prisoner?
4. What does Lucilius tell Antony about Brutus?
5. Why does Antony let Lucilius live?

Answers

1. Cato is yelling his own name.
2. Lucilius is pretending to be Brutus.
3. They are excited to take him prisoner because they think he is Brutus.
4. Lucilius tells Antony that, even if they manage to capture and kill Brutus, it will not change the fact that he is a noble man.
5. Antony believes it would be better to have such a man as a friend than as an enemy.

Act 5, Scene 5

Questions

1. What does Brutus ask Clitus and Dardanius to do?
2. Why does Brutus believe it is his time to die?
3. What does Brutus ask of Strato and what does Strato ask for in return?
4. What does Antony say about Brutus after he's dead?
5. What kind of burial will Brutus get?

Answers

1. Brutus asks them to kill him.
2. Caesar's ghost has appeared to him twice, so he believes his time has come.
3. Brutus asks Strato to hold his sword while he runs into it, and Strato asks that he be allowed to shake the noble Brutus's hand first.
4. Antony says that Brutus was the noblest Roman of all.
5. Brutus will get the burial of an honorable soldier.