

# THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

## Chapter - 1

**Q1) Why was Antonio hated by Shylock ?**

**Ans : He lent money to people in Venice without charging interest. Where else Shylock was a Jewish money lender and never spared a borrower. So, he hated Antonio.**

**Q2) Why was Antonio respected by all ?**

**Ans : Antonio was respected in Venice for his gentle and helpful nature. He lent money to people in distress.**

**Q3) Why did Bassanio need money ?**

**Ans : Bassanio had no money to go to Belmont to woo Portia. He needed money to furnish himself with servants, dresses and gifts befitting a lover of a rich heiress.**

**Q4) Why did the two friends have to go to Shylock ? Give reasons .**

**Ans : They went to Shylock because Bassanio needed money to woo Portia in Belmont. Antonio had no money as his wealth was tied with business ventures. None other could give him money their money was tied in business ventures.**

**Q5) What do you think of Antonio and Shylock from the conversations ?**

**Ans : Antonio was a rich merchant. He was kind and gentle. He helped people in distress without charging interest. He disliked Shylock and would always insult him . Even if Shylock was ready to forget all insults Antonio would think of him as the bitterest enemy.**

**Q6) Which clause was put in the bond ?**

**Ans : Shylock agreed to pay Bassanio three thousand ducats for three months with**

**Antonio as the guarantor. If he failed to pay within three months Shylock would extract a pound of flesh from any part of Antonio's body which was liked by Shylock.**

### **Chapter - 2**

**Q1) Write three suitable adjectives for Portia .**

**Ans : She was beautiful, intelligent and vivacious.**

**Q2) What were the two conditions laid down by Portia's late father ?**

**Ans : She could not marry a man of her own choice. He had willed that whoever chose the right casket from among the three caskets of gold, silver and lead would marry his daughter.**

**Q3) How did the Prince of Morrocco plead for himself ?**

**Ans : He requested Portia not to discard him for his black colour which was the result of living in a hot country and said that he was very brave and skilled at swordmanship.**

**Q4) On what condition could Gratiano accompany Bassanio and why ?**

**Ans : Gratiano could accompany Bassanio on the condition that he would not talk much there and behave decently so that Portia's impression remained favourable.**

### **Chapter - 3**

**Q1) What plan for elopement was made ?**

**Ans : Jessica would elope dressed as a page boy. They would meet at Gratiano's house late that night. They decided that Jessica would be their torch - bearer.**

**Q2) Why did the Prince of Morocco choose the gold casket ?**

**Ans : He chose the gold casket as it was written “ Who chooses me shall get what many men desire ”. He thought that many men desire Portia so he opted for the gold casket.**

**Q3) What happened to the Prince of Morocco ?**

**Ans : When he opened the gold casket , he found a scroll and skull , an emblem of death in it. The scroll read that “ All that glitters is not gold. ”**

**Shocked and saddened he departed immediately.**