Below are possible test questions. **Guaranteed, 5 of these exact questions will be on your test tomorrow and you will have to choose 2 to complete.** We’ve discussed all of this in class throughout our discussion of the play.

1. In the final act of the play, Portia displays sneakiness. Do you think her “joke” was cruel? Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Evaluating)
2. The ring plot turns out to be just a joke. Devise an alternate ending where Portia and Nerissa use the ring plot against their husbands in a way that makes the play non-comedic. Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Creating)
3. What was the purpose of Portia and Nerissa tricking Bassanio and Gratiano? Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Analyzing)
4. If you were Bassanio and Gratiano how would you feel about being double crossed by your wives? Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Evaluating)
5. Describe the relationship between Antonio and Bassanio. Is this a realistic friendship? Do we expect our friends to put their lives on the line for us? Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Analyzing/Evaluating)
6. Love is a theme which occurs in several of the stories in the play. Identify each of the love stories, who is involved and what type of relationship is it? Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Analyzing/Evaluating)
7. Parent / child relationships have considerable importance. Find two examples from the play and explain the relationship and how it affected the play. Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Analyzing)
8. Hatred is a theme which occurs in several instances of the play. What characters express hatred for another character? Make conclusions as to whether or not this hatred is justified. Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning.
9. Prioritize Shylocks values in order from least to greatest. Prioritize Antonio’s values in order from least to greatest. What are the similarities? Differences? Whose values do you agree more with? Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Evaluating)
10. Identify a major theme exemplified in “The Merchant of Venice”. Show examples of evidence of this theme with different characters actions/circumstances. Explain, show evidence and justify your reasoning. (Evaluating)