

CANON CLASSICS  
END-OF-BOOK TEST  
HAMLET

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCORE: \_\_\_\_\_ / 26 pts.

THE BOOK:<sup>1</sup> *Answer the questions below.*

1. *What was Shakespeare's occupation? (2 pts.)*

THE PLOT: *Answer the questions below quickly and succinctly.*

2. *What terrifying figure makes an appearance in the first scene? (2 pts.)*

3. *Who are Hamlet's two school friends who try to outwit him? (2 pts.)*

4. *What does Hamlet mean when he says that he intends to hold a "mirror up to nature"? (4 pts.)*

5. *What dilemma is Hamlet pondering in his famous "to be or not to be" speech? (4 pts.)*

THE WORLDVIEW: *Please complete the following essay questions on the back of this test or a separate sheet of paper. Be specific and detailed in your answers, showing original thought and creativity (e.g., don't just regurgitate the Worldview Guide.)*

6. *Essay 1: What are some of the interpretative difficulties in the play? (6 pts.)*

7. *Essay 2: What is your interpretation of Hamlet? (6 pts.)*

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