

OLEANNA/MAMET QUIZ

1. What is Carol's relationship to John?
 - a) Carol is John's student
 - b) Carol is John's friend
 - c) Carol is John's wife
2. Where does the play take place?
 - a) Carol's dorm room
 - b) A classroom
 - c) John's office
3. What is the reason for Carol's first visit to John's office?
 - a) Because she will help him get his dream house
 - b) Because he asked her to come
 - c) Because she doesn't understand the course material
4. When the curtain rises, what is John discussing on the phone?
 - a) Taxes
 - b) His son's new school
 - c) His new home
5. Who are the two main characters in the play?
 - a) Josh and Chris
 - b) Carol and John
 - c) Anita and Clarence
6. What is Carol's primary difficulty with John's course?
 - a) A biased grading scheme
 - b) The language he uses
 - c) The concepts he discusses
7. What preempts Carol's first outburst?
 - a) John touches her
 - b) She thinks John believes she is stupid
 - c) John keeps making phone calls during her session with him

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8. What was John told when he was young?
 - a) That he was best suited for manual labor
 - b) That he was destined for a career in academia
 - c) That he was stupid

9. What continually interrupts the conversation between John and Carol?
 - a) The phone ringing
 - b) A defective fire alarm
 - c) John's assistant asking questions

10. What do John's phone conversations focus on?
 - a) His tenure appointment
 - b) Buying a house
 - c) His wife, whom he loves very much

11. What is the "Artificial Stricture" that John refers to?
 - a) Higher education
 - b) The teacher/student relationship
 - c) The tenure-track/adjunct relationship

12. Why is John afraid of the tenure committee?
 - a) Because they might not grant him tenure
 - b) Because it is made up of his colleagues
 - c) Because they might not sign his tenure agreement

13. What is Carol's grade for the course, according to John?
 - a) A
 - b) B
 - c) F

14. Why does John call higher education "hazing?"
 - a) Because it is full of unnecessary rituals and capricious punishments
 - b) Because teachers can physically abuse their students with impunity
 - c) Because there is no ban on alcohol at department events

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15. Why does John resent paying for public school?
- a) Because he does not think he should pay for something he does not use
 - b) Because public schools don't provide a good education
 - c) Because his taxes are high enough already
16. What does John do to try to calm Carol down after her meltdown?
- a) He puts his arm around her
 - b) He tells her everything is going to get better
 - c) He suggests a psychologist who might be able to help her
17. What is Carol's big secret?
- a) That she is in love with John
 - b) That she faked her way into college
 - c) We never find out
 - d) That she was adopted
18. What event is happening in John's new house?
- a) A housewarming party
 - b) John's birthday party
 - c) A surprise party for his tenure announcement
19. What are "a form of aggression" according to John?
- a) Grades
 - b) Tests
 - c) Surprises
20. What is John's role at the university?
- a) Dean
 - b) Professor
 - c) President
21. Which is not a phrase John uses to describe higher education?
- a) "Virtual warehousing of the young"
 - b) "The curse of modern education"
 - c) "Hazing"

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22. Who is John meeting with after his meeting with Carol?

- a) The department head
- b) His lawyer
- c) His realtor

23. What does Carol accuse him of?

- a) Loving her
- b) Raping her
- c) Beating her

24. Does John believe everyone should go to college?

- a) Only those who can afford it
- b) No
- c) Yes

25. In the end of the play John and Carol hug and say goodbye to one another.

- a) True
- b) False

MAMETSPEAK

It is _____. Characters speak in _____, frequently _____ each other off, _____ each other's sentences, and _____ themselves whilst the other speaks.

It is frequently focused on _____. Mamet's characters are _____ themselves to get what they want.

FILL IN MAMET PLAYS

_____ Perversity in _____

_____ Buffalo

Glengarry Glen _____

_____ -The-Plow

Ole _____