

Questions 16-29: Read the following speech carefully before you choose your answers.

[The speaker of the following passage, King Richard, has been deposed and imprisoned by Bolingbroke.]

I have been studying how I may compare  
 This prison where I live unto the world:  
 And for because the world is populous,  
 And here is not a creature but myself,  
 (15) I cannot do it; yet I'll hammer it out.  
 My brain I'll prove the female to my soul;  
 My soul the father: and these two beget  
 A generation of still-breeding thoughts,  
 And these same thoughts people this little world  
 (10) In humours like the people of this world,  
 For no thought is contented. The better sort,  
 As thoughts of things divine, are intermix'd  
 With scruples,\* and do set the word itself  
 Against the word:  
 (15) As thus: "Come, little ones;" and then again,  
 'It is as hard to come as for a camel  
 To thread the postern of a needle's eye.'  
 Thoughts tending to ambition, they do plot  
 Unlikely wonders; how these vain weak nails  
 (20) May tear a passage through the flinty ribs  
 Of this hard world, my ragged prison walls;  
 And, for they cannot, die in their own pride.  
 Thoughts tending to content flatter themselves  
 That they are not the first of fortune's slaves,  
 (25) Nor shall not be the last; like silly beggars  
 Who sitting in the stocks refuge their shame.  
 That many have and others must sit there:  
 And in this thought they find a kind of ease,  
 Bearing their own misfortune on the back  
 (30) Of such as have before endur'd the like.  
 Thus play I in one person many people,  
 And none contented: sometimes am I king;  
 Then treason makes me wish myself a beggar,  
 And so I am: then crushing penury  
 (35) Persuades me I was better when a king;  
 Then am I king'd again: and by and by  
 Think that I am unking'd by Bolingbroke,  
 And straight am nothing: but what'er I be  
 Nor I nor any man that but man is  
 (40) With nothing shall be pleas'd, till he be eas'd  
 With being nothing.

\*doubts

17. In lines 6-8, there is an implied comparison between thoughts and
- (A) reasons
  - (B) walls
  - (C) children
  - (D) artisans
  - (E) humors
18. In lines 10-11, King Richard implies that "the people of this world" are
- (A) more fortunate than he is
  - (B) dissatisfied and temperamental
  - (C) impassive and unfeeling
  - (D) inclined to generosity
  - (E) gullible and unwise
19. In lines 15-17, King Richard makes use of
- (A) metaphysical conceits
  - (B) Biblical allusions
  - (C) understatement
  - (D) oxymoron
  - (E) self-parody
20. The two quotations in lines 15-17 are seen by King Richard as
- (A) contradictory
  - (B) comforting
  - (C) absurd
  - (D) trite
  - (E) clever



16. The phrase "prove the female" (line 6) emphasizes which of the following?
- (A) The delicacy of the soul
  - (B) The brain's ability to conceive
  - (C) The soul's intuitive nature
  - (D) The feminine nature of the artist
  - (E) The need to be merciful