

## CASE STUDY

William Shakespeare was born on April 23 ,1564 in the village of Stratford-upon-Avon in the English county of Warwickshire. He was baptized on April 26,1564. His father, John Shakespeare, was a farmer's son who came to Stratford in about 1551 and began to trade in corn, wheat, leather and agricultural products. His mother, Mary Arden, was the daughter of a prosperous farmer. It is generally said that neither Shakespeare's mother nor his father could read and write. When Shakespeare attained the age of 14 his father lost his little property and run into debt. The boy then left school to support the family. In 1582, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, the daughter of a peasant family. It is heard that she was 8 years older than him. Towards the end of his life, Shakespeare spent a few years in quietness at Stratford-upon-Avon and passed away on the anniversary of his birth, April23, 1616.

Answer the following questions with help of the above passage:

1. John Shakespeare came to Stratford in about \_\_\_\_\_  
a. 1513            b.1582        c.1551        d.1564
2. Shakespeare was born in the county of \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Devon            b. Cornwall        c. Cumberland  
d. Warwickshire
3. Shakespeare died at the age of \_\_\_\_\_  
a. 50        b.54        c.52        d.48
4. Shakespeare got married to \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Elizabeth Taylor            b. Emily Bronte            c. Kamala Das  
d. Anne Hathaway
5. What was the age gap between Shakespeare and Anne?  
a. 8            b. 6            c. 7            d. 9
6. Shakespeare left school to \_\_\_\_\_

- a. play football
- b. be an actor
- c. support family
- d. be a teacher.

7. Mary Arden was the daughter of a \_\_\_\_\_

- a. lawyer
- b. farmer
- c. doctor
- d. carpenter

8. Shakespeare was baptized on \_\_\_\_\_

- a. April 26,1564
- b. April 26,1654
- c. April 26,1456
- d. April 26,1465

9. What did John Shakespeare trade in?

- a. corn and wheat
- b. leather
- c. agricultural products
- d. all of these

10. Shakespeare's parents were \_\_\_\_\_

- a. highly educated
- b. could not read and write
- c. both a and b
- d. none of these.