

6. Considering all three poems together, what seems to be Spenser's goal in writing his sonnet sequence? Select the best answer, and then, explain the reasons why your choice is correct and the others are not.

a. to please and pay tribute to his beloved

b. to call upon his Muse

c. to win fame and fortune

d. to express his anguish at unrequited love

7. Select the statement that best reflects the speaker's attitude toward love in Sidney's Sonnet 31. Then explain how each answer choice does or does not reflect the speaker's attitude toward love.

a. He is hopeful that his beloved returns his affections.

b. He believes that his down-to-earth love will outlast even the moon.

c. He is sad and bitter because his beloved does not return his love.

d. He is so happy in his love that he wants to make the moon jealous.

8. In Sonnet 39, what does the speaker mean when he calls sleep the "balm of woe"?

9. Which sentence best restates the last lines of Sidney's Sonnet 39? Briefly explain your answer.

a. If I do not sleep peacefully, do not allow Stella to sleep peacefully either.

b. If I do not sleep peacefully, I will see Stella's image in my dreams.

c. It is Stella's right to have a peaceful sleep, even though I do not.

d. Even though Stella has a heavy grace, she is a lively person in my dream images.

10. Which of these statements is true for a Petrarchan sonnet? Choose the best answer, and then explain your reasons.

a. The end rhymes in the last two lines never rhyme with each other.

b. It is another term for a Spenserian sonnet.

c. The number of lines in the sonnet may range from ten to fourteen.

d. It generally consists of an octave with one set of rhymes and a sestet with another.

### Extended Response

11. Explore the attitude toward the beloved expressed in these sonnets. In which sonnet does the speaker seem to suffer most from unrequited love? In which one does the speaker simply celebrate his love or pay tribute to his beloved? Write one or two paragraphs in which you cite details from the sonnets to support your response.