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THE QUALITY OF MERCY

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1. "His sceptre shows the force of temporal power"

a) Whose sceptre is being referred to?

Ans. It refers to the king (or a throned monarch)

b) What does the word ~~spectre~~ 'sceptre' mean?

Ans An ornamental rod.

c) What kind of power is being talked about?

Ans The power of the king.

II Short Answers.

1) What are the two words used to describe the impact of a king?

Ans The two words used to describe the impact of a king are dread and fear.

2) "It is an attribute to God himself." What does it refer to?

Ans. It refers to mercy — an attribute to God himself.

3) Portia wanted Shylock to show Antonio mercy. What does the phrase mean?

Ans The meaning of this phrase is to be forgiving.

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