The Crucible-Act III Questions (Set A) Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Part I (pp.77-92)

1. As the act begins, why does Giles Corey interrupt Judge Hathorne? What accusation does he make?
2. What news do we learn about Rebecca Nurse?
3. When John Proctor arrives at court with Mary Warren, what does Reverend Parris accuse him of?
4. What two pieces of evidence are brought out against Proctor in regard to his Christian nature?

1. What news does Danforth tell John Proctor about Elizabeth? What deal does he try to make with him?
2. How does Proctor respond, and what does this tell us about his character?
3. What is going to happen to the 91 people who signed the testament stating a good opinion of Elizabeth, Martha Corey, and Rebecca Nurse?

Part II

1. Discuss the following quote spoken by Danforth: “Do that which is good, and no harm shall come to thee” (95) Is this true? Why or why not?
2. How does Mary respond when Danforth asks her to explain her behavior? What is she asked to do? What is the result?
3. What does Abigail do when a suspicion that she might be pretending falls on her? What does Proctor do to discredit her?
4. What test does Danforth devise to determine why Abigail was put out of the Proctor house?
5. What is Abigail’s “vision”?
6. What is Mary Warren’s reaction to Abigail’s performance?
7. What does Hale mean when he asks if every defense is an attack upon the court?
8. Is Hale a dynamic or static character? Explain your answer.
9. Explain why Giles Corey feels that he cannot present his one piece of evidence requested by the judge?
10. Elizabeth Proctor is known to be intrinsically honest. Explain whether her lie to Danforth undermines her credibility?
11. How does Giles Corey provide comic relief in Act III?

20. What does John Proctor mean when he says, “God is dead!”?

21. What does Hale do when Proctor is arrested? Why is this significant?