Role Play Scenarios – Othello

- 1. You are a young lady from a wealthy and important family in the community. You are considered very attractive and have been courted by many young men. However, over the years you have come to know one of your father's business acquaintances, a foreign man who is much older than you, and of a visible minority group. Now you believe you have fallen in love with him and wish to marry him without your father's permission. How do you feel? How will you break the news to your father? What will you say and do?
- 2. You are a wealthy and influential man in your community, and you have a beautiful daughter whom many young men wish to marry. You suddenly find out that she may have secretly married a man you know from your business ventures. You respect him professionally, but you consider him inappropriate for your daughter, since he comes from another country, and he is much older than she is. How do you feel? What will you say to your daughter? What, if anything, will you do?
- 3. You have worked for a long time as an assistant to a high–ranking person, and you feel you have done a very good job. Recently, this superior has passed you by for an important promotion which you feel you greatly deserved. The position was given to another person you work with. How do you feel? What will you want to do?
- 4. You have recently won the heart of a very desirable woman many years your junior. Your most trusted friend reluctantly confides that he believes your new spouse has been cheating on you. You disbelieve him at first, since you love your spouse more than anything, but there is enough doubt in your mind to make you suspicious. How do you feel? What will you say and do?
- 5. You have recently gotten married to a man much older than you, whom you admire and love greatly. He is from a foreign country, and your parents don't approve, but you are willing to make the marriage work. However, almost as soon as you're married, he begins to act strangely, and questions you with suspicion. You are absolutely devoted to him and sense he no longer trusts you. How do you feel? What will you do?
- 6. You are in love with a married woman, but you disapprove of her spouse, and think you are more deserving of her love. Your friend works for her husband and promises that he might be able to arrange to get you together with her. Your friend keeps borrowing money from you to fund his plan, which he says includes giving her beautiful gifts. It has been a few days, and you haven't seen any response from her. How do you feel? What will you say to him? What will you do?