

MCQs English 303

(Literary Criticism)

(1) The first fire-breathing dragon in English literature occurs in which Old English epic poem.

- a) Iliad
- b) Odyssey
- c) Beowulf**
- d) Canterbury Tales

(2) What are the beginning and ending dates of the reign of James I ?

- a) 1592-1608
- b) 1603-1625**
- c) 1607-1627
- d) 1608-1639

(3) Famous satiric drama, Volpone, is written by?

- a) Sir Walter Scott
- b) Christopher Marlow
- c) Ben Jonson**
- d) George Herbert

(4) The foremost poet of Jacobean era was?

- a) John Milton
- b) Charles Bacon
- c) John Donne**
- d) Herbert Spencer

(5) "The Jacobean Era" refers to a period of time in the early 17th century in which of the following countries?

- a) Jordan
- b) England**
- c) Malaysia
- d) Tunisia

(6) In which city was Milton?

- a) Norwich
- b) York
- c) London**

d)Canterbury

(7) When was John Milton born?

- a) 22 April 1600
- b) 19 August 1604
- c) 6 June 1606

d) 9 December 1608

(8) Which school did Milton attend?

- a)St Paul's**
- b)Christ's Hospital
- c)Merchant Taylors'
- d)Westminster

(9) Milton continued his studies at Cambridge. Which college of the university did he attend?

- a) Pembroke College
- b) Trinity College
- c) Christ's College**
- d) St. Xavier's College

(10) Edward King, a minor poet and a contemporary of Milton's at Cambridge, was drowned at sea in 1637. Milton wrote an elegy for him. What was the title of this poem?

- a)lycidas**
- b)Paradise Lost
- c)Il penseroso

(11) In 1638 and 1639 Milton traveled abroad. In which country did he spend most of the time?

- a)Germany
- b)France
- c)Italy**
- d)Spain

(12) How many times did Milton marry?

- a)2
- b)0
- c)1
- d)3**

(13) John Milton was 34 when he married Mary Powell. How old was she?

- a) 48
- b) 34
- c) 22
- d) 17**

(14) When was Paradise Lost published?

- a) 1660
- b) 1667**

- c) 1658
- d) 1654

(15) "Paradise Lost" is considered a:

- a) First Person Narrative
- b) Short Story
- c) Epic Poem**
- d) Novel

(16) Satan's name before he fell from heaven was:

- a) Bezelebut
- b) Michael
- c) Lucifer**
- d) Belial

(17) Adam, Satan, and Eve herself are all dazzled by Eve's:

- a) Wit
- b) Beauty**
- c) Intelligence
- d) Hard work and spirituality

(18) The main reason for Adam's fall might best be described as:

- a) lust
- b) love for Eve**
- c) pride
- d) money

(19) When God sees that Adam and Eve have disobeyed him, who does he send to "judge" them and the snake?

- a) The Son**
- b) The Holy Ghost
- c) Michael
- d) Raphael

(20) In what country did the Renaissance begin?

- a. Italy**
- b. France
- c. England
- d. Germany

(21) Who is considered as the model of the people during the renaissance?

- a.greek and austrian
- b.roman and french
- c.roman and greek**
- d.french and greek

- (22) The word renaissance means
- a.the rebirth of learning or knowledge**
 - b.reading of books
 - c.the time of astronauts
 - d.the study of art

- (23) Which of the following techniques was NOT used in the Renaissance art?
- a.realism
 - b.perspective
 - c.individualism
 - d.abstraction**

- (24) What sparked the Renaissance?
- a.The Feudal system was collapsing**
 - b.the "95 theses"
 - c.the Crusades
 - d.the Black Plague

- (25) Who lost the most power during the renaissance?
- a.Italian merchants
 - b.catholic church**
 - c.black people
 - d.king and queen of Spain

- (26) Utopia was written by:
- a) Cervantes
 - b) Machiavelli
 - c) Poliziano
 - d) Thomas More**

- (27) The Prince was written to gain favor of the:
- a) Pazzi
 - b) Republic
 - c) Medici
 - d) Inquisition**

- (28) Who translated the New Testament into German for the first time?

- a) Poliziano
- b) Cervantes
- c) Martin Luther**
- d) Alexander VI

(29) The "father of humanism" was

- a) Petrarch**
- b) Dante
- c) Boccaccio
- d) Pico della Mirandola

(30) Renaissance thinkers argued that women should be educated

- a) just the same as men
- b) with emphasis on science and mathematics
- c) not at all
- d) confined solely to music, dancing, and knitting**

(31) An important feature of the Renaissance was an emphasis on

- a) alchemy and magic
- b) the literature of Greece and Rome**
- c) chivalry of the Middle Ages
- d) the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas

(32) Which was NOT a characteristic of the Renaissance?

- a) emphasis on individuality
- b) confidence in human rationality
- c) the emergence of merchant oligarchies
- d) the development of social insurance programs**

(33) The northern Renaissance differed from the Italian Renaissance

- a) growth of religious activity among common people**
- b) earlier occurrence
- c) greater appreciation of pagan writers
- d) decline in the use of Latin

(34) For ordinary women, the Renaissance

- a) had very little impact**
- b) greatly improved the material conditions of their lives
- c) worsened their social status
- d) allowed them access to education for the first time

(35) Thomas More's *Utopia* placed the blame for society's problems on

- a) human nature
- b) God's will
- c) society itself**
- d) the Church

(36) Whose great *Dictionary*, published in 1755, included more than 114,000 quotations?

- a) William Hogarth
- b) Jonathan Swift
- c) Samuel Johnson**
- d) Ben Jonson
- e) James Boswell

(37) According to Samuel Johnson, "No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for...:

- a) love."
- b) honor."
- c) money."**
- d) his party."
- e) fun."

(38) What name is given to the English literary period that emulated the Rome of Virgil, Horace, and Ovid?

- a) Augustan**
- b) Metaphysical
- c) Romantic
- d) Neo-Romantic
- e) Caesarian

(39) Which metrical form was Pope said to have brought to perfection?

- a) the heroic couplet**
- b) blank verse
- c) free verse
- d) the ode
- e) the spondee

(40) Which poet, critic and translator brought England a modern literature between 1660 and 1700?

- a) Addison
- b) Bunyan
- c) Crabbe
- d) Dryden**

e)Equiano

(41) Which of the following is not an example of Restoration comedy?

- a)Etherege's *The Man of Mode*
- b)Wycherley's *The Country Wife*
- c)Behn's *The Rover*
- d)Marlowe's *Doctor Faustus***
- e)Congreve's *Love for Love*

(42) Who is termed as "The Morning Star of Renaissance"?

- a)Spenser
- b)John Gower
- c)Chaucer**
- d)Langland

(43) Who began the tradition of revenge play ?

- a)George peele
- b)Samuel daniel
- c)Phineas fletcher
- d)Thomas kyd**

(44) How many lines are there in a Sonnet?

- a)10
- b)16
- c)14**
- d)22

(45) What are the names of the two feuding families in Romeo and Juliet?

- a)Capulet And Montague**
- b)Breslow and Felsher
- c)Fuech and Goodside
- d)Dawson and Hurley

(46) Which of the following phrases best characterizes the late-nineteenth century aesthetic movement which widened the breach between artists and the reading public, sowing the seeds of modernism?

- a) art for intellect's sake
- b) art for God's sake
- c) art for the masses
- d) art for art's sake**

e) art for sale

(47) What was the impact on literature of the Education Act of 1870, which made elementary schooling compulsory?

a) the emergence of a mass literate population at whom a new mass-produced literature could be directed

b) a new market for basic textbooks which paid better than sophisticated novels or plays

c) a popular thirst for the "classics," driving contemporary writers to the margins

d) a, b and c

e) none of the above

(48) Which of the following writers did not come from Ireland?

a) W. B. Yeats

b) James Joyce

c) Seamus Heaney

d) Oscar Wilde

e) none of the above; all came from Ireland

(49) Which phrase indicates the interior flow of thought employed in high-modern literature?

a) automatic writing

b) confused daze

c) total recall

d) stream of consciousness

e) free association

(50) Which of the following is not associated with high modernism in the novel?

a) stream of consciousness

b) free indirect style

c) irresolute open endings

d) the "mythical method"

e) narrative realism
