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## ENGLISH

1. To which literary period did Ezra Pound belong ?
  - (A) The Romantic period
  - (B) The Victorian period
  - (C) The Modernist period
  - (D) The Postmodern period
  
2. Identify the figure of speech in the following sentence :  
India lost the chance of winning the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.
  - (A) Simile
  - (B) Metaphor
  - (C) Metonymy
  - (D) Synecdoche
  
3. What is the prosodic pattern in the following lines ?  
Half a league, half a league, half a league onward,  
Into the valley of death rode the five hundred ...
  - (A) Trochaic trimeter hypermetric
  - (B) Dactylic tetrameter catalectic
  - (C) Iambic pentameter catalectic
  - (D) Amphibrachic tetrameter
  
4. Select the word that best replaces both the italicised word/phrase in the following sentences :
  - (i) He is an extremely *money-minded* person.
  - (ii) *A soldier who fights for money* cannot be called a patriot.
  - (A) mercenary
  - (B) mercurial
  - (C) meretricious
  - (D) megalomaniac



5. Identify the mood in the following sentence :  
I wish I were an astronaut.
- (A) Indicative mood  
(B) Imperative mood  
(C) Interrogative mood  
(D) Subjunctive mood
6. Who wrote 'comedies of menace' ?
- (A) Ben Jonsom  
(B) William Wycherley  
(C) Arnold Wesker  
(D) Harold Pinter
7. Which of these works does **not** belong to Chaucer's Italian period ?
- (A) *Romaunt of the Rose*  
(B) *The Legend of Goode Women*  
(C) *The Parliament of Foules*  
(D) *Troilus and Criseyde*
8. Choose the option that correctly turns the given sentence from direct to indirect speech : "I will visit my uncle tomorrow", he said.
- (A) He said he will visit his uncle tomorrow.  
(B) He said he would visit his uncle the next day.  
(C) He says he shall to visit his uncle tomorrow.  
(D) He visits his uncle tomorrow.
9. What do these authors have in common: Imtiaz Dharker, Hanif Kureishi, Tahmina Alam, Hari Kunzru ?
- (A) They are all Indian authors  
(B) They are all Bangladeshi authors  
(C) They are all Pakistani authors  
(D) They are all British authors of South Asian origin



10. The Neo-Classical period in English literature is divided into two phases. What are they ?
- (A) The Jacobean and the Caroline periods
  - (B) The Caroline and the Commonwealth periods
  - (C) The Commonwealth and the Restoration periods
  - (D) The Restoration and the Augustan periods
11. Which political philosopher influenced Shelley's ideas in 'Ode to the West Wind' ?
- (A) William Godwin
  - (B) Jean-Jacques Rousseau
  - (C) Voltaire
  - (D) The Earl of Shaftesbury
12. Given below is a statement, followed by two inferences. Read them carefully and select the correct option from the ones given below.

**Statement :** The Renaissance period in England is now called the Early Modern period.

**Inference (i) :** This is because the Renaissance witnessed the rise of subjectivity on the one hand, and of scientific thought on the other, both of which are characteristic of the modern age.

**Inference (ii) :** This is because the Renaissance marked the earliest phase of the Industrial Revolution and the rise of modern industries.

- (A) (i) is correct but (ii) is incorrect.
- (B) (i) is incorrect but (ii) is correct.
- (C) Both (i) and (ii) are correct.
- (D) Both (i) and (ii) are incorrect.



Read the following passage and answer the questions (13 - 16) :

History cannot reveal the origins of morality because, for obvious reasons, there is no historical record of a human society in the period before it had any standards of right and wrong. Nor is anthropology of any help, because all the human societies that have been studied so far had their own forms of morality (except, perhaps, in the most extreme circumstances). Fortunately, another mode of inquiry is available. Because living in social groups is a characteristic that humans share with many other animal species - including their closest relatives the apes - presumably the common ancestor of humans and apes also lived in social groups. Here, then, in the social behaviour of nonhuman animals and in the theory of evolution that explains such behaviour may be found the origins of human morality.

Social life, even for nonhuman animals, requires constraints on behaviour. No group can stay together if its members make frequent, unrestrained attacks on each other. With some exceptions, social animals generally either refrain from attacking other members of the social group or, if an attack does take place, do not make the ensuing struggle a fight to the death - it is over when the weaker animal shows submissive behaviour. It is not difficult to see analogies here with human codes. The parallels, however, go much further than this. Like humans, social animals may behave in ways that benefit other members of the group at some cost or risk to themselves. Male baboons threaten predators and cover their rear as the troop retreats. Wolves and wild dogs take meat back to members of the pack not present at the kill. Gibbons and chimpanzees with food will, in response to gesture, share their food with other members of the group. Dolphins support other sick or injured dolphins swimming under them for hours at a time and pushing them to the surface so they can breathe.

13. The origin of human morality is explained in this passage by
- (A) humanizing the animal world
  - (B) seeking correlations between the animal and the human worlds
  - (C) the aggressiveness of animals
  - (D) equating humans with baboons, wolves and dolphins



14. Which of these is **not** an evidence of social behaviour in the non-human world ?
- (A) constraints in behaviour
  - (B) taking risks to help others
  - (C) unrestrained attacks on each other
  - (D) different forms of moral behaviour
15. The important characteristic humans share with animals is
- (A) submissiveness
  - (B) living in social groups
  - (C) unrestrained attacks on other members
  - (D) non-human codes of morality
16. A record of the origins of morality can be found in
- (A) anthropology
  - (B) submissiveness of animals
  - (C) principles of social behaviour in animals
  - (D) baboons threatening predators
17. Edmund Spenser's *The Faerie Queene* is a celebration of
- (A) Anne Boleyn
  - (B) Mary, Queen of Scots
  - (C) Queen Catherine of Aragon
  - (D) Queen Elizabeth I
18. The pilgrims in Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* travel to Canterbury to pay homage to
- (A) Saint Bartholomew
  - (B) Edward the Confessor
  - (C) Saint Thomas Becket
  - (D) Saint Augustine



19. In which of the following do we find a picture of a dystopic future world?
- (A) *Crome Yellow*  
 (B) *1985*  
 (C) *A Burnt-Out Case*  
 (D) *Nineteen Eighty Four*
20. Identify the figure of speech in the following line: "I may be as bad as the worst, but, thank God, I am as good as the best."
- (A) simile  
 (B) metaphor  
 (C) chiasmus  
 (D) zeugma
21. Match the following texts in column I with their corresponding formal definitions in column II, choosing the correct sequence from the options given below :

| I                               | II              |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| (i) <i>Measure for Measure</i>  | (a) Allegory    |
| (ii) <i>Pilgrims's Progress</i> | (b) Satire      |
| (iii) <i>Hudibras</i>           | (c) Ode         |
| (iv) 'To Duty'                  | (d) Tragicomedy |
| (A) i-d, ii-a, iii-b, iv-c      |                 |
| (B) i-b, ii-a, iii-c, iv-d      |                 |
| (C) i-a, ii-b, iii-c, iv-d      |                 |
| (D) i-c, ii-d, iii-a, iv-b      |                 |





22. Name the English novelist who uses Chandrapore, a fictional town in India, as the setting of one of his novels.

- (A) Rudyard Kipling
- (B) Joseph Conrad
- (C) E. M. Forster
- (D) Graham Greene

23. Fill in the blanks in the following sentence with the appropriate group of articles given below.

She was given \_\_\_\_\_ honorary degree for \_\_\_\_\_ outstanding work she had done as \_\_\_\_\_ doctor.

- (A) the, an, a
- (B) an, the, a
- (C) a, an, the
- (D) an, a, the

24. What is the term used to describe the concluding part of an ode ?

- (A) epode
- (B) strophe
- (C) chorus
- (D) canto

25. "They flash upon the inward eye

Which is the bliss of solitude."

In these lines from William Wordsworth's poem 'The Daffodils', the phrase 'inward eye' suggests

- (A) a sense of pleasure
- (B) solitude
- (C) reflection
- (D) dream



26. Of the two statements given below, which is an acceptable explanation for the rise of the English novel in the eighteenth century ?
- (i) the closing of the theatres in 1642
  - (ii) the rise of the middle class
- (A) (ii)
  - (B) Both (i) and (ii)
  - (C) (i)
  - (D) Neither (i) nor (ii)
27. The tendency to deal with subjective experiences and the human consciousness evident in the twentieth century English novel owes its origin to the theories of
- (A) Charles Darwin
  - (B) Sigmund Freud
  - (C) Karl Marx
  - (D) John Stuart Mill
28. The group of English poets who take their name from a school of Italian painting is called the
- (A) Movement poets
  - (B) Imagist poets
  - (C) Pre-Raphaelite poets
  - (D) Lake poets
29. Choose, from the options given below, the two major features used to describe modern English literature
- (A) classical and realistic
  - (B) innovative and experimental
  - (C) romantic and traditional
  - (D) stereotypical and decadent



30. What is the meaning of the grammatical term 'ellipsis' ?
- (A) an omission
  - (B) a pause
  - (C) an interruption
  - (D) an understatement
31. Fiction, primarily concerned with environmental issues, is called
- (A) green fiction
  - (B) climate fiction
  - (C) ecocritical fiction
  - (D) trauma fiction
32. A novel which is a story of the protagonist's growth from innocence to maturity is termed as
- (A) an autobiographical novel
  - (B) a kunstlerroman
  - (C) a historical novel
  - (D) a bildungsroman
33. Choose the word nearest in meaning to the one italicized in the sentence given below.
- His *tawdry* taste in clothes was the subject of ridicule among his friends.
- (A) expensive
  - (B) dull
  - (C) careless
  - (D) cheap



Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions 34-37 :

**Long for this World**

I settle for less than snow,  
 try to go gracefully like seasons go  
 which will regain their ground –  
 ditch, hill and field – when a new year comes round.  
 Now I know everything :  
 how winter leaves without resenting spring,  
 Lives in a safe time frame,  
 gives up so much but knows he can reclaim  
 all titles that are his,  
 fall out for months and still be what he is.  
 I settle for less than snow:  
 high only once, then no way up from low  
 then to be swept from drives.  
 Ten words I throw into your changing lives  
 fly like ten snow balls hurled:  
 I hope to be, and will, long for this world.

34. The snow is 'high only once' because  
 (A) it usually lies on the ground (B) it melts  
 (C) it falls from the sky (D) it is swept from drives
35. The central idea of the poem concerns  
 (A) winter settling for less (B) spring reclaiming the earth  
 (C) chance (D) the cycle of seasons
36. In the last line of the poem, 'I hope to be, and will, long for this world' the word 'long' implies  
 (A) distance (B) largeness  
 (C) height (D) desire
37. The 'I', or the speaker in the poem is  
 (A) the poet (B) summer  
 (C) time (D) spring



38. Fill in the blank with the appropriate word or words – autobiography, biography, personal essay, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) picaresque narrative
- (B) argumentative essay
- (C) fantasy
- (D) memoir

39. Here is the first line of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*: "It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife".

What figure of speech is used here ?

- (A) Irony
- (B) Allegory
- (C) Apostrophe
- (D) Euphemism

40. Pick out the incorrect pair.

- (A) Christopher Marlowe – *The Jew of Malta*
- (B) William Shakespeare – *Cymbeline*
- (C) Ben Jonson – *The Shoemaker's Holiday*
- (D) Thomas Kyd – *The Spanish Tragedy*

41. Pick the odd one out.

- (A) *Martin Chuzzlewit*
- (B) *Pendennis*
- (C) *Dombey and Son*
- (D) *Hard Times*



42. What do these poems have in common - *Lycidas*, *Adonais*, *In Memoriam* ?
- (A) They are all satirical poems
  - (B) They are all elegies
  - (C) They are all heroic poems
  - (D) They are all conversation poems
43. How would you define the idiom: 'to lead someone up the garden path' ?
- (A) to help someone
  - (B) to harm someone
  - (C) to malign someone
  - (D) to mislead someone
44. What is one of the main differences between the comedy of humours and the comedy of manners ?
- (A) The comedy of humours features only rural characters while the comedy of manners features only urban characters.
  - (B) The comedy of humours is romantic while the comedy of manners is classical.
  - (C) The comedy of humours satirises certain exaggerated psychological traits while the comedy of manners satirises affectations in social behaviour.
  - (D) The comedy of humours is focused on revenge while the comedy of manners is focused on political issues.
45. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words :
- I \_\_\_\_\_ do that if I \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- (A) will not; am
  - (B) shall not; was
  - (C) wouldn't; were
  - (D) cannot; can be



46. What is a 'heroic couplet' ?
- (A) A pair of unrhymed lines
  - (B) A pair of rhyming lines of different lengths
  - (C) A pair of rhyming lines in iambic pentameter
  - (D) A pair of rhyming lines in trochaic tetrameter
47. Which author received the lifetime achievement award known as the 'Booker of Bookers' ?
- (A) Margaret Atwood
  - (B) Chinua Achebe
  - (C) J.M. Coetzee
  - (D) Salman Rushdie
48. In which of these novels do the characters of Xunyu and Friday appear ?
- (A) *Oroonoko*
  - (B) *Tristram Shandy*
  - (C) *Rasselas*
  - (D) *Robinson Crusoe*
49. Select the correct idiom to complete the following sentence :  
Her room is so untidy; everything is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) like a bull in a china shop
  - (B) at sixes and sevens
  - (C) over the top
  - (D) on the roll
50. Select the phrase that is nearest in meaning to 'invoice'.
- (A) A bill
  - (B) A balance sheet
  - (C) A guttural voice
  - (D) A shopping list

