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SWAMI RAMANAND TEERTH MARATHWADA UNIVERSITY, NANDED  
OPTIONAL ENGLISH - II MCQ PATTERN (SEMESTER-I)  
READING FICTION AND HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE  
SPECIMEN QUESTION PAPER

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MARKS-40

TIME: 1 hour

1. The first novelist to be buried in Westminster Abbey as an eminent literary figure was
  - a) W. M. Thackeray
  - b) Elizabeth Gaskell
  - c) Thomas Hardy
  - d) Charles Dickens
2. The celebrated part of the Westminster Abbey where eminent literary figures are buried is called
  - a) Literary Circle
  - b) Poets' Corner
  - c) University Wits
  - d) Burial corner
3. Who among the following is the contemporary of Geoffrey Chaucer?
  - a) William Shakespeare
  - b) Edmund Spenser
  - c) Philip Sidney
  - d) John Gower
4. Beowulf is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) An elegy
  - b) An ode
  - c) An epic
  - d) A novel
5. The year 1066 is associated with the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Fall of Constantinople
  - b) War of Roses
  - c) Norman Conquest
  - d) Battle of Waterloo
6. Thomas Becket was formally canonized by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Pope John Paul II
  - b) Pope Leo II
  - c) Pope Benedict
  - d) Pope Alexander III
7. Which of the following is in the form of an overheard debate between two birds?
  - a) Leda and the Swan
  - b) Ode to a Nightingale
  - c) Hawk Roosting
  - d) The Owl and the Nightingale

8. Who translated the French poem *Roman de la rose* into English as *The Romaunt of the Rose*?
  - a) Chaucer
  - b) Gawain poet
  - c) King Edward III
  - d) Master Nicholas
9. Who was William Caxton?
  - a) Dramatist and actor
  - b) Poet and Knight
  - c) King of England
  - d) Printer, publisher and translator
10. Who penned the poem *Confessio Amantis*?
  - a) John Gower
  - b) Geoffrey Chaucer
  - c) William Langland
  - d) John Ball
11. Where did the most devastating plague Black Death first appear?
  - a) London
  - b) Dorset
  - c) Nottingham
  - d) Norwich
12. One of the most searching Christian narratives in the English language is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) *The Vision of Piers Plowman*
  - b) *Confessio Amantis*
  - c) *Troilus and Criseyde*
  - d) *Vox Clamantis*
13. What are the English disciples of John Wycliffe called?
  - a) Lollards
  - b) Crusaders
  - c) Missionaries
  - d) Angels of Charity
14. Which of the following is one of the earliest and most revealing autobiographies in English?
  - a) *The Book of Marjorie Kempe*
  - b) *Morte Darthur*
  - c) *The Canterbury Tales*
  - d) *The Legend of Good Women*
15. Who founded the Order of the Garter?
  - a) King Edward II
  - b) King Edward III
  - c) King Hrothgar
  - d) King Richard II

16. Who has penned *Le Morte Darthur*?
  - a) Sir Philip Sidney
  - b) Sir Thomas Malory
  - c) Edmund Spenser
  - d) Gawain poet
17. Which of the following poems muses over the crumbling stones of a ruined city?
  - a) *The Seafarer*
  - b) *The Wife's Lament*
  - c) *The Husband's Message*
  - d) *The Ruin*
18. Whose teachings were declared heretical by the Council of Constance?
  - a) John of Gaunt
  - b) John Gower
  - c) John Wycliffe
  - d) William Langland
19. The poem *The Battle of Maldon* celebrates \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) A fatal skirmish between Byrhtnoth and a raiding party of Vikings
  - b) Battle between Beowulf and Grendel
  - c) Exile on the sea
  - d) The Trojan war
20. Which four poets did Wordsworth have before him as examples?
  - a) Chaucer, Shakespeare, Spenser and Milton
  - b) Shakespeare, Spenser, Milton and Pope
  - c) Chaucer, Shakespeare, Jonson and Milton
  - d) Chaucer, Shakespeare, Sidney and Milton
21. Which of the following is the autobiography of A. J. Cronin?
  - a) *Adventures in Two Worlds*
  - b) *The Stars Look Down*
  - c) *The Citadel*
  - d) *The Keys of The Kingdom*
22. The title of A. J. Cronin's short story 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona' is borrowed from a play by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Christopher Marlowe
  - b) Ben Jonson
  - c) William Shakespeare
  - d) John Webster
23. Who are the two gentlemen of Verona?
  - a) Nicola and Jacopo
  - b) John and Jacob
  - c) Nicholas and Joseph
  - d) Thomas and Alexander
24. Who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1938?
  - a) A. J. Cronin
  - b) Pearl Buck
  - c) R K Narayan
  - d) Mark Twain

25. The short story 'The Refugees' traces \_\_\_\_\_
- Indian life
  - American life
  - Chinese life
  - German life
26. What is the name of the river mentioned in the story, 'The Refugees'?
- Tame
  - Amazon
  - Nile
  - Yangtse
27. Who wrote the novel, *The English Teacher*?
- R. K. Narayan
  - R. K. Laxman
  - Anita Desai
  - Pearl Buck
28. What is meant by 'O. Henry twist'?
- Biblical references
  - Surprise endings
  - Plot of the story
  - Art of characterization
29. Samuel Langhorne Clemens is the true name of \_\_\_\_\_
- O. Henry
  - Mark Twain
  - Pearl Buck
  - George Eliot
30. Which of the following is penned by Mark Twain?
- Alice in Wonderland*
  - Huckleberry Finn*
  - Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
  - Robinson Crusoe*
31. What is the name of the imaginary town presented in R. K. Narayan's writings?
- Malwan
  - Mathura
  - Mahu
  - Malgudi
32. Who is the old gardener in the story, 'The Axe'?
- Vivian
  - Vincent
  - Victor
  - Velan
33. 'Luck' tells the story of a \_\_\_\_\_
- Foolish Reverend
  - Military Officer
  - Lucky Engineer
  - Great Philosopher

34. Why do the 'Refugees' have to leave their villages?
- No rainfall
  - Floods
  - Earthquake
  - Plague
35. What sort of a man is the old peasant in the story 'The Refugees'?
- Self-respected
  - Beggar
  - Rogue
  - Self-seeking
36. What does the old man in 'The Refugees' propose to do with the silver coin?
- Eat noodles
  - Buy seed
  - Buy food for his grandson
  - None of the above
37. What is the name of the palatial house described in 'The Axe'?
- Vilas Vihar
  - Vatika Garden
  - Rye Woods
  - Kumar Baugh
38. Which war is referred to in the story 'Luck'?
- Crimean war
  - Battle of Waterloo
  - War of Roses
  - Battle of Panipat
39. Which one of the following characters is not in 'One Thousand Dollars'?
- Robert Gillian
  - Old Bryson
  - Scoresby
  - Mr. Tolman
40. To whom did Young Gillian give his one thousand dollars?
- Miriam Hayden
  - Miss Lotta Lauriere
  - Blind man
  - Della Stacey

Key:-

1-d, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c, 5-c, 6-d, 7-d, 8-a, 9-d, 10-a, 11-b, 12-a, 13-a, 14-a, 15-b, 16-b, 17-d, 18-c, 19-a, 20-a, 21-a, 22-c, 23-a, 24-b, 25-c, 26-d, 27-a, 28-b, 29-b, 30-c, 31-d, 32-d, 33-b, 34-b, 35-a, 36-b, 37-d, 38-a, 39-c, 40-a.