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

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.