

ENGLISH FOR UGC EXAMINATIONS

MODEL QUESTIONS

1. **Who was the author of the famous storybook 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'?**  
(a) Rudyard Kipling (b) John Keats  
(c) Lewis Carroll (d) H G Wells
2. **Who wrote the famous 1855 poem 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'?**  
(a) Lord Alfred Tennyson (b) Christopher Marlowe (c) Johannes Gutenberg (d) René Descartes
3. **Who wrote 'Where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise'?**  
(a) Browning (b) Marx (c) Shakespeare (d) Kipling
4. **Name the book which opens with the line 'All children, except one grew up'?**  
(a) The Railway Children (b) Winnie the Poo (c) Jungle book (d) Peter Pan
5. **Which is the first Harry Potter book?**  
(a) HP and the Goblet of Fire  
(b) HP and the Philosopher's Stone  
(c) HP and the Chamber of Secrets  
(d) HP and the God of small Things
6. **What was the nationality of Robert Louis Stevenson, writer of 'Treasure Island'?**  
a) Scottish  
b) Welsh  
c) Irish  
d) French
7. **'Jane Eyre' was written by which Bronte sister?**  
a) Anne  
b) Charlotte  
c) Emily  
d) None of the above
8. **What is the book 'Lord of the Flies' about?**  
a) A round trip around the USA  
b) A swarm of killer flies  
c) Schoolboys on the desert island  
d) None of the above
9. **Which poet is considered a national hero in Greece?**  
a. John Keats  
b. Lord Byron  
c. Solon  
d. Sappho
10. **Harold Nicholson described which poet as 'Very yellow and glum. Perfect manners'?**  
a. e. e. Cummings  
b. T. S. Eliot  
c. John Greenleaf Whittier  
d. Walt Whitman
11. **Which Poet Laureate wrote about a church mouse?**  
a. Betjeman  
b. Hughes  
c. Marvel  
d. Larkin
12. **Who wrote about the idyllic 'Isle of Innisfree'?**  
a. Dylan Thomas  
b. Ezra Pound  
c. W. B. Yeats  
d. e. e. Cummings
13. **A pattern of accented and unaccented syllables in lines of poetry**  
a. rhyme scheme  
b. meter  
c. alliteration
14. **The repetition of similar ending sounds**  
a. alliteration  
b. onomatopoeia  
c. rhyme
15. **Applying human qualities to non-human things**  
a) personification  
b) onomatopoeia  
c) alliteration
16. **The repetition of beginning consonant sounds**  
a. rhyme  
b. onomatopoeia  
c. alliteration
17. **Who wrote this famous line: 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day/ Thou art more lovely and more temperate...'**  
a. TS Eliot  
b. Lord Tennyson  
c. Charlotte Bronte  
d. Shakespeare
18. **From which of Shakespeare's plays is this famous line: 'Did my heart love til now?/ Forswear it, sight/ For I never saw a true beauty until this night'**  
a. A Midsummer Night's Dream  
b. Hamlet  
c. Othello  
d. Romeo and Juliet
19. **William Shakespeare is not the author of:**  
a. Titus Andronicus  
b. Taming of the Shrew  
c. White Devil  
d. Hamlet
20. **Which of the following writers wrote historical novels?**  
a. Jane Austen and Charlotte Bronte  
b. Sir Walter Scott and Maria Edgeworth  
c. William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge  
d. Mary Shelley and Percy Bysshe Shelley
21. **Which of the following are Thomas Hardy books?**

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b. Jane Eyre  
c. Chollttee  
d. None of the above
22. **Who wrote the poems, "On death" and "Women, Wine, and Snuff?"**  
a. John Milton  
b. John Keats  
c. P.B. Shelley  
d. William Wordsworth
23. **"Of Man's first disobedience, and the fruit Of that forbidden tree whose mortal taste Brought death into the world, and all our woe, With loss of Eden."** This is an extract from:  
a. Paradise Lost  
b. Paradise Regained  
c. Samson Agonistes  
d. Divorce Tracts
24. **Which is an exaggeration?**  
a) Alliteration  
b) Haiku  
c) Hyperbole  
d) Prose
25. **Which of the following is not a poet?**  
a) William Shakespeare  
b) Terry Saylor  
c) Elizabeth B. Browning  
d) Emily Dickinson
26. **Who has defined 'poetry' as a fundamental creative act using languages?**  
a. H. W. Longfellow  
b. Ralph Waldo Emerson  
c. Dylan Thomas  
d. William Wordsworth
27. **What is a sonnet?**  
a. A poem of six lines  
b. A poem of eight lines  
c. A poem of twelve lines  
d. A poem of fourteen lines
28. **Which figure of speech is it when a statement is exaggerated in a poem?**  
a. Onomatopoeia  
b. Metonymy  
c. Alliteration  
d. Hyperbole
29. **There was aware of her true love, at length come riding by - This is a couplet from the Bailiff's Daughter of Islington. What figure of speech is used by the poet?**  
a. Metaphor  
b. Synecdoche  
c. Euphemism  
d. Irony
30. **What is a funny poem of five lines called?**  
a. Quartet  
b. Limerick  
c. Sextet  
d. Palindrome
31. **Chaucer was imprisoned during-----**  
a) hundred years' war  
b) Black death  
c) Peasant revolt
32. **Who invented the term 'Sprung rhythm'?**  
a) Hopkins  
b) Tennyson  
c) Browning  
d) Wordsworth
- a) **Vanity Fair is a novel by?**  
(A) Jane Austen  
(B) Charles Dickens  
(C) W. M. Thackeray  
(D) Thomas Hardy
33. **Shelley's Adonais is an elegy on the death of?**  
(A) Milton  
(B) Coleridge  
(C) Keats  
(D) Johnson
34. **Which of the following is the first novel of D. H. Lawrence?**  
(A) The White Peacock  
(B) The Trespasser  
(C) Sons and Lovers  
(D) Women in Love
35. **In the poem 'Tintern Abbey', 'dearest friend' refers to?**  
(A) Nature  
(B) Dorothy  
(C) Coleridge  
(D) Wye
36. **Who, among the following, is not the second generation of British Romantics?**  
(A) Keats  
(B) Wordsworth  
(C) Shelley  
(D) Byron
37. **Which of the following poems of Coleridge is a ballad?**  
(A) Work Without Hope  
(B) Frost at Midnight  
(C) The Rime of the Ancient Mariner  
(D) Youth and Age
38. **Identify the writer who was expelled from Oxford for circulating a pamphlet—**  
(A) P. B. Shelley  
(B) Charles Lamb  
(C) Hazlitt  
(D) Coleridge
39. **Keats's Endymion is dedicated to?**  
(A) Leigh Hunt  
(B) Milton  
(C) Shakespeare  
(D) Thomas Chatterton
40. **The second series of Essays of Elia by Charles Lamb was published in?**

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- (A) 1823  
(B) 1826  
(C) 1834  
(D) 1833
41. **Tennyson's poem 'In Memoriam' was written in memory of?**  
(A) A. H. Hallam  
(B) Edward King  
(C) Wellington  
(D) P. B. Shelley
42. **Who is praised as a hero by Carlyle in his lecture on the 'Hero as King'?**  
(A) Johnson  
(B) Cromwell  
(C) Shakespeare  
(D) Luther
43. **Identify the writer who first used blank verse in English poetry?**  
(A) Sir Thomas Wyatt  
(B) William Shakespeare  
(C) Earl of Surrey  
(D) Milton
44. **Who is Mr. Tench in The Power and the Glory?**  
(A) A teacher(B) A clerk  
(C) A thief(D) A dentist
45. **Which poem of Coleridge is an opium dream?**  
(A) Kubla Khan(B) Christabel  
(C) The Ancient Mariner  
(D) Ode on the Departing Year