

QUESTION BANK

I. Answer the following question in about a sentence or two

1. How many stages in the poem 'All the World's a Stage'?
2. How does a man play a lover's role?
3. How what does the poet consider the whole world?
4. What did the poet discover while travelling another road?
5. What had made a lot of difference in the poet's life?
6. Why did the poet take the other road?
7. What does ode to the West Wind mean?
8. What kind of poem is the West Wind?
9. What is the theme of Ode to the West Wind?
10. How are the first three stanzas different from the rest?
11. What was the knight-at-arms doing? What was his appearance like?
12. How did the lady look like?
13. Who is the protagonist of the poem 'Ulysses'?

14. What is the attitude of Ulysses towards the familial relationship?
15. What does Ulysses yearn for?
16. Who is/are the speaker and listener of the poem 'My Last Duchess'?
17. What kind of person was the Duke?
18. What are some symbols in 'My Last Duchess'?
19. What is Yeats' first prayer for his daughter?
20. What are the symbols used in the poem 'A Prayer for My Daughter'?
21. What is the name of Yeats' daughter?
22. What is the meaning of the poem 'Journey of the Magi'?
23. What time of the year were the magi travelling?
24. Where did the magi find Jesus?
25. Who do you think is the speaker? To whom is he speaking? in the poem 'The Unknown Citizen'?
26. What is the message in 'The Unknown Citizen'?
27. When there was peace he was for peace?
28. Why does he call tail diabolic?
29. What drove the scorpion inside the house?
30. Why did he pour little paraffin?

II. Answer the following question in about 150 words each?

31. Explain the Stage of Justice?
32. Describe in brief the seven stage in man's life?
33. Describe the various stage of a man's life picturised in the poem 'All the World's a Stage'?
34. Describe the conditions of both the roads that lay open before the poet on that morning?
35. What is the difference the speaker refers to in the last stanza of 'The Road Not Taken'?
36. What is the meaning in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?
37. Describe the third stanza of the poem 'ode to the West Wind'?
38. What is the second stanza of the poem 'ode to the West Wind'?
39. How is 'ode to the West Wind' a revolutionary poem?
40. What is the theme of the final section of 'ode to the West Wind'?
41. What are the signs that show us that the knight is suffering?
42. Why has the poet placed the story against the backdrop of autumn?
43. Describe the dream of the knight?

44. What dream did the knight-at-arms see?
45. Describe the experience of the knight in 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'?
46. What are the characteristics of Ulysses in Tennyson's poem?
47. Explain the philosophy of life as presented in the poem 'Ulysses'?
48. Bring out the differences in the attitudes of Ulysses and Telemachus?
49. What does Ulysses think of the people of his kingdom in 'Ulysses'?
50. What happened to the Duchess in Browning's 'My Last Duchess'?
51. Where is dramatic irony presented in 'My Last Duchess'?
52. What is the theme in My Last Duchess by Robert Browning?
53. What is the background of the poem 'A prayer for my daughter' by W.B. Yeats?
54. What is the theme of the poem 'A prayer for my daughter'?
55. How does the poem reveal a father's concern for his daughter?

56. Explain the title of the poem 'Journey of the Magi' by T.S. Eliot?
57. What are the five themes of 'Journey of the Magi'?
58. What is the central idea of the poem? 'Odyssey'?
59. Give a critical appreciation of 'The Unknown Citizen' by W.H. Auden.
60. How did the villagers come to the aid of the woman in this poem 'Night of the Scorpion'?

III. Write the essays in about 1500 words each.

61. What according to Shakespeare are the different stages in a man's life?
62. What is the theme of the poem 'All the World's a Stage'?
63. What is the main idea in each stanza 'The Road Not Taken'?
64. What is the theme of the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?
65. What does the message does Shelley want to give in the last two stanzas in of 'Ode to the West Wind'?
66. What idea other than death and rebirth could you infer from the poem 'Ode To The West Wind'?
67. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'?

68. ~~What is the~~ How is the theme of unrequited love brought out in 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'?
69. What is the significance of time in 'La Belle Dame Sans Merci'?
70. Explain the overall symbolism of the poem ~~and~~ 'La Belle Dame Ulysses'?
71. Compare the characterization of Ulysses and Telemachus in Tennyson's Ulysses?
72. What is the significance of the line 'I am become a name' in Ulysses?
73. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'My Last Duchess'?
74. Describe Browning's 'My Last Duchess' as a dramatic monologue?
75. What is your conclusion about the character Duke of Ferrisara?
76. Summarize Yeats's 'Prayer for his daughter'?
77. Why does Yeats not desire to have his daughter grow up to be exceptionally beautiful? Explain?
78. Describe the religious significance of Journey of the Magi?
79. Consider the poem 'The Unknown Citizen' as a criticism of contemporary society?

80. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'The Unknown Citizen'?
81. Why does the state regard 'The Unknown Citizen' as the ideal citizen? Explain?
82. Identify the elements of Socialist realism in 'The Unknown Citizen' by W.H. Auden?
83. How did the mother respond after the recovery in this poem 'Night of the Scorpion'?
84. Describe the reactions of the peasants the poet, his father and his mother to the sting of the Scorpion?