ALASKA ENGLISH 12 · UNIT 1 · 5 QUESTIONS

British Literature — Practice Test

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1 **Inside a reconstructed Anglo-Saxon timber mead hall, long wooden tables around a central open fire. In Anglo Saxon poetry, the idea of wyrd most nearly means**



A fate or the course of events beyond full human control

B a kind of ship

C a royal tax

D a church song

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2 **In Beowulf, the hero's fight with Grendel's mother mainly follows from**

A a dispute over a crown

B her wish for vengeance after her son's death

C a trade agreement

D a storm that wrecks a ship

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3 **In Chaucer's tales, the Pardoner is best known for**

A leading an army

B writing laws for London

C preaching against greed while himself greedy for gain

D farming a large estate

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4 **The Arthurian legends collected by Malory mainly tell of**

A a voyage around the world

B a family of merchants

C a school for scribes

D a king, his knights, and the ideals and failures of a court

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5 **Spenser's The Faerie Queene is best described as**

A an allegory in which knights stand for virtues and vices

B a book of sea charts

C a diary of a queen

D a set of sermons

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ANSWER KEY

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. A

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