ENGLISH 12 · ARKANSAS

English 12
Practice Test

Unit 1: British Literature

25 Questions

Original practice test based on the Arkansas curriculum. Work through each question, then check your answers at the end.

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Question 1

The Anglo Saxon poet who sang stories aloud in a hall was called a

A) scop

B) monk

C) jester

D) chronicler

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Question 2

In Beowulf, the hero code most values

A) Rule by a single king alone

B) Loyalty to a lord shown through brave deeds

C) Wealth gained by avoiding danger

D) Silence about all past battles

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Question 3

Alliterative verse, as used in Beowulf, is marked mainly by

A) Lines of exactly ten syllables

B) A fixed rhyme at the end of every line

C) The repetition of initial sounds in stressed words in a line

D) A chorus sung after each stanza

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Question 4

A kenning is best described as

A) A list of laws in a kingdom

B) A song sung at a funeral

C) A long speech by a king

D) A two word poetic phrase that renames a person or thing

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Question 5

In Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, the General Prologue mainly

A) Introduces each pilgrim with vivid detail before the tales begin

B) Retells one long battle

C) Gives directions for the road to London

D) Lists the laws of London

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Question 6

Chaucer wrote in Middle English rather than only in Latin or French mainly because it

A) Was the only language he could read

B) Made literature open to ordinary English readers of his time

C) Was unknown in England

D) Was banned in French books

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Question 7

A medieval romance most often centers on

A) A merchant counting coins in a market

B) A monk copying laws in silence

C) A knight on a quest shaped by codes of honor and courtly love

D) A king writing tax records

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Question 8

Which rhyme pattern describes a Shakespearean sonnet

A) abab cdcd efef gg

B) abba abba cde cde

C) aabb ccdd eeff gg

D) abab abab abab cc

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Question 9

A Shakespearean sonnet has how many lines

A) 14

B) 16

C) 10

D) 12

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Question 10

In Hamlet, a soliloquy is a speech in which a character

A) Argues with the king in public

B) Speaks thoughts aloud while alone on stage

C) Reads a letter to the audience

D) Sings with a chorus

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Question 11

In Macbeth, Macbeth's ambition leads him first to

A) Give up his title

B) Marry into a rival family

C) Murder King Duncan to take the throne

D) Leave Scotland for England

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Question 12

The witches in Macbeth mainly function to

A) Rule Scotland in place of the king

B) Protect Banquo from harm

C) Write the laws of the kingdom

D) Plant prophecies that stir Macbeth's ambition

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Question 13

In Pride and Prejudice, Elizabeth Bennet at first judges Darcy mainly on

A) First impressions and pride

B) His skill at farming

C) His knowledge of law

D) His travels abroad

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Question 14

Jane Austen is best known for novels of

A) War strategy

B) Manners and social life

C) Sea voyages

D) Space travel

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Question 15

In A Christmas Carol, Scrooge changes after being visited by

A) Three rival merchants

B) Three school teachers

C) The ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come

D) Three tax collectors

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Question 16

The Romantic poets most valued

A) Strict rules of classical form only

B) Industrial machinery

C) Legal argument

D) Emotion, nature, and the imagination

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Question 17

In Frankenstein, the creature mainly suffers because he is

A) Rejected and left alone by his creator

B) Unable to read

C) Refused a job in a factory

D) Kept from travelling

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Question 18

A frame narrative is a story that

A) Is told in verse only

B) Contains another story told within it

C) Ends with a moral only

D) Has no narrator

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Question 19

In Sir Gawain and the Green Knight, the Green Knight's challenge mainly tests

A) Gawain's wealth

B) Gawain's skill at farming

C) Gawain's honor and courage when he must keep a dangerous promise

D) Gawain's knowledge of Latin

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Question 20

Which of these is a theme often found in British literature

A) The speed of light

B) The rules of algebra

C) The parts of a cell

D) The tension between duty and desire

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Question 21

How many pilgrims tell tales on the journey in Chaucer's frame story, counting Chaucer himself, if the party has 30 members in total including the Host

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Question 22

If a Shakespearean sonnet has 3 quatrains and 1 couplet, how many lines does the couplet have

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Question 23

A student reads 5 acts of a play in 5 days, one act per day How many acts has the student read after 3 days

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Question 24

The word wyrd in Old English literature most closely means

A) fate

B) sword

C) hall

D) ship

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Question 25

Blank verse is best described as

A) A poem with no lines

B) Unrhymed iambic pentameter

C) Rhymed couplets only

D) Free verse with no meter

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ANSWER KEY

1.	A	**10.**	B	**18.**	B
2.	B	**11.**	C	**19.**	C
3.	C	**12.**	D	**20.**	D
4.	D	**13.**	A	**21.**	29
5.	A	**14.**	B	**22.**	2
6.	B	**15.**	C	**23.**	3
7.	C	**16.**	D	**24.**	A
8.	A	**17.**	A	**25.**	B
9.	A				

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