ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE AQA · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

Modern Texts — Practice Test

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1 **A kite is tangled in the branches of a tree. Which sentence is a simple sentence?**

- A The kite stuck in the tree.
- B The kite stuck in the tree and the boy cried.
- C The kite stuck in the tree while the wind blew.
- D When the wind blew, the kite stuck.

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2 **A snowman stands in the garden after fresh snow. Which sentence is a complex sentence?**

- A The snowman was cold and white.
- B The snowman was cold and white and made of fresh snow.
- C Snow fell on the garden.
- D The snowman stood in the garden while the snow fell.

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3 **A garden full of roses grows beside the cottage. Which word is closest in meaning to fragrant?**

- A sweet-smelling
- B silent and completely still
- C thoroughly unpleasant
- D very large and tall indeed

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4 **A beach at dawn is quiet and empty. Which sentence best creates a calm mood?**

- A Everyone shouted and ran about
- B The beach had sand and sea
- C Soft waves whispered on the sand.
- D The beach was very noisy and busy all day long.

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5 **A guitar plays a gentle tune in the evening. Which word is an adverb in this sentence: He played the guitar softly?**

- A guitar
- B softly
- C played
- D he

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6 **An umbrella shelters two friends from the rain. Which word is an adjective in this sentence: The red umbrella kept them dry?**

- A them
- B kept
- C dry
- D red

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7 **What is the class system?**

A a place in society by birth and wealth

B a way of counting money

C a list of school lessons for the day, in order

D a kind of train ticket

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8 **How should you support an evaluation?**

A with your own opinions and no evidence

B with a drawing

C with quotations from the text

D with a summary of the plot

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When is An Inspector Calls set?

A 1945

B 1912

C 1926

D 1890

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What is the difference between AO1 and AO2?

A they are the same thing

B AO1 is about the writer's methods, and AO2 is about your response

C AO1 is your response, AO2 is the writer's methods

D AO1 is about context, AO2 is about spelling

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11 **The town hall was packed, and the air was thick with cigarette smoke and anger. On the stage, the factory owner spoke of hard times and empty orders, his voice smooth as oil, while the men in the hall shifted in their seats, a storm building in their silence. At the back, a young woman stood up, her voice shaking, and asked who would pay for the food on her children's plates. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

- A the air was thick with cigarette smoke and anger
- B the town hall was packed
- C smooth as oil
- D at the back, a young woman stood up, her voice shaking

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12 **What is a prologue?**

- A a song in the middle of the play
- B the final speech of the play
- C an opening speech or scene
- D a list of the actors

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13 **What are Piggy's glasses used for?**

A to read the map

B to signal to ships

C to see under the water

D to light the fire

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14 **What is socialism?**

A the idea that the rich should keep everything

B the idea that there should be no laws

C the idea that wealth should be shared fairly

D the idea that only kings should rule

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15 **What is a weakness in an argument?**

- A a claim supported by three good examples
- B a long word
- C a claim with no evidence
- D a short sentence

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16 **What is the twist at the end of An Inspector Calls?**

- A the Birlings move to France at once
- B the Inspector was a dream all along, and nothing happened
- C a girl has died and an inspector is coming
- D Eva Smith is alive and well

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17 **Why should you use evidence in an essay?**

A to show you can copy out the text

B to avoid writing your own ideas

C to support your point

D to make your essay longer and fill the page

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18 **In the farmyard the animals waited for their feed, and the old horse, Boxer by name, pulled the cart up the hill as he did every morning, slow and steady as a clock. The pigs watched from the sty, their eyes sharp and clever, while the hens scratched in the dust and the dogs slept in the sun. The farm itself was a small kingdom, and the farmer, a red faced man with a stick, stood at the gate and counted his stock. In the extract, the word ‘stock’ most closely means**

A bags of money

B wooden fences

C farm animals

D bags of feed

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19 **What is an act?**

A the whole play from start to finish

B a single line spoken on stage

C a large section of a play

D a song between the scenes

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20 **What is the main theme of Lord of the Flies?**

A the power of love

B the joys of school life for the boys

C civilisation against savagery

D the beauty of nature

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21 **What was rationing?**

A a kind of holiday for workers

B limits on food and goods in wartime

C free travel on the trains

D plenty of food for everyone at all times

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22 **Who is the Inspector in An Inspector Calls?**

A a mysterious police inspector

B a factory owner in Brumley

C a young sailor from the docks

D a friend of the Birling family

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23 **What should every paragraph in an essay include?**

A a quotation with no explanation at all

B a new character

C a point supported by evidence

D a summary of the whole text

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24 **The town hall was packed, and the air was thick with cigarette smoke and anger. On the stage, the factory owner spoke of hard times and empty orders, his voice smooth as oil, while the men in the hall shifted in their seats, a storm building in their silence. At the back, a young woman stood up, her voice shaking, and asked who would pay for the food on her children's plates. In the extract, the word ‘packed’ most closely means**

A quiet

B empty

C cold

D full

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What is a stage direction?

A an instruction about movement and setting

B the title of the play

C a list of the actors

D a line spoken aloud by the main character

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ANSWER KEY

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

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