ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE AQA · UNIT 4 · 25 QUESTIONS

Poetry Anthology and Unseen — Practice Test

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1 **A teapot is described as singing on the stove. What language device is this?**

- A personification
- B an onomatopoeic list of sounds
- C a simile comparing the teapot to a singer
- D a metaphor about the kitchen

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

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

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3 **A kite dances in the wind above the hill. Which sentence uses a simile?**

- A The kite flew in the wind above the green hill.
- B The hill was green and steep.
- C The kite danced like a bright bird.
- D The wind was strong.

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4 **A bridge of old stone spans the wide river. Which word is a verb in this sentence: The river flowed under the bridge?**

- A river
- B bridge
- C flowed
- D under

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5 **A candle is the only light in the cottage. Which sentence best creates a mysterious mood?**

A Shadows crept across the walls.

B Candles are made of wax.

C The room was quite ordinary.

D The cottage had a candle in it, burning low.

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6 **A letter has been written to complain about a broken kettle. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly?**

A It is the shop's fault.

B Its the shop's fault.

C It is the shops fault.

D Its the shops fault, and I want a refund today

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7 **What is a good way to compare writers' attitudes?**

A quote only from the text you like best

B quote evidence from both texts

C guess without evidence

D ignore the attitudes

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8 **What does Blake criticise in London?**

A the beauty of the river Thames at dawn

B the misery and control in the city

C the kindness of the rich

D the freedom of the poor

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What is rhyme?

A words that mean the same thing

B words that begin with the same sound

C words with the same ending sound

D words in a list

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What is context?

A the number of chapters in the book

B the time, place and ideas around a text

C the words and phrases a writer chooses to use

D the events of the plot in order

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11 **What does a sarcastic tone suggest?**

- A the writer is being completely serious
- B the writer means the opposite
- C the writer is asleep
- D the writer is happy

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12 **Which of these is alliteration?**

- A white snow
- B the snow was silent and silver
- C silent, silver snow
- D snow fell softly

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13 **The tide came in over the shingle, slow and grey, and the gulls cried above the harbour wall, where the fishing boats knocked together in the swell. A boy stood on the sea wall with his father, watching the water climb the steps, and the salt wind tugged at his coat, cold as a stranger's hand. He thought of the sailors out beyond the bay, and wished the sea would bring them home. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

- A a boy stood on the sea wall with his father
- B the tide came in over the shingle
- C he thought of the sailors out beyond the bay
- D cold as a stranger's hand

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14 **Which sentence compares two texts well?**

- A Both writers criticise the plan, but only one offers a solution.
- B I liked the first text best.
- C The first text is good and the second text is also good, I think.
- D The texts are different.

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Who wrote Bayonet Charge?

A Seamus Heaney

B Wilfred Owen

C Simon Armitage

D Ted Hughes

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What is a refrain?

A a line used only once in a poem

B the title of a poem

C a line repeated in a poem

D a poem with no rhyme

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17 **What does AO2 assess in English Literature?**

A the context of the time

B the number of pages

C your own opinion of the story

D the writer's methods

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18 **Which words suggest a formal register?**

A cool, awesome

B furthermore, therefore

C anyway, loads of stuff like that

D hi, yeah

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19 **What is a simile?**

A a list of three things

B a comparison using like or as

C a question that needs no answer

D a comparison that says one thing is another

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20 **Two texts agree on a topic. What can you compare?**

A which text has more paragraphs in total

B which text is longer

C how each writer presents the idea

D which text is older

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21 **Who wrote Ozymandias?**

A Lord Byron the poet

B Percy Bysshe Shelley

C John Keats the poet

D William Blake the poet

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22 **What is a caesura?**

A a poem that rhymes all the way through

B the last line of the poem

C a line that runs on without a pause

D a pause in the middle of a line

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23 **What does AO1 assess in English Literature?**

- A your response with evidence
- B spelling and punctuation
- C how writers use language, form and structure
- D the context of the time

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24 **Which text is most likely to use an informal register?**

- A a speech to Parliament
- B a job application
- C a text message to a friend
- D a letter to the headteacher

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25 **Which of these is a simile?**

A lions are brave

B a lion's roar

C the brave lion

D brave as a lion

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ANSWER KEY

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

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