ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE AQA · FINAL EXAM · 50 QUESTIONS

Final Exam — Practice Test

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1 **A market stall is piled high with bright fruit. Which phrase uses alliteration?**

- A buy fruit from me
- B fresh, fragrant fruit
- C fruit for sale today at the market
- D the fruit is very nice

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2 **A birthday cake with candles stands on the table. Which sentence uses a colon correctly?**

- A The: cake had three flavours.
- B The cake had three flavours: chocolate, lemon and coffee.
- C The cake: had three flavours.
- D The cake had: three flavours of chocolate, lemon and coffee.

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3 **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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4 **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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5 **Who tells Macbeth that he will be king?**

- A Banquo his best friend
- B the three witches
- C the king himself in person
- D Lady Macbeth his wife

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6 **A violin plays a slow, sad tune. Which word is closest in meaning to mournful?**

- A loud and very fast indeed
- B sorrowful
- C cheerful and full of joy
- D silent

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7 **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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8 **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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9 **Who kills Macbeth at the end of the play?**

A Lady Macbeth

B Macduff

C Banquo

D Malcolm

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10 **When the carriage stopped, Miss Grey stepped down and looked up at the house. Its windows stared back at her, dark and empty, and the garden lay silent behind its iron gate, still as a held breath. She took a deep breath, lifted her small bag, and walked slowly up the long drive, wondering what sort of welcome waited inside. Which phrase from the extract is an example of personification?**

A its windows stared back at her

B walked slowly up the long drive

C she took a deep breath

D wondering what sort of welcome waited inside

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11 **When is An Inspector Calls set?**

A 1945

B 1912

C 1926

D 1890

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12 **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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13 **The hall was bright with a hundred candles, and the long tables groaned beneath the weight of meat and bread. Music floated from the minstrels' corner, sweet as honey on the tongue, while the guests laughed and drank, and the lord at the high table raised his golden cup to his friends. Yet in the shadows by the door, a stranger stood apart, his face a mask of stone, watching the feast in silence. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

- A the lord at the high table raised his golden cup to his friends
- B the guests laughed and drank
- C the hall was bright with a hundred candles
- D sweet as honey on the tongue

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

- A to avoid writing your own ideas
- B to support your point
- C to make your essay longer and fill the page
- D to show you can copy out the text

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15 **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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16 **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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17 **What is the significance of sleep in Macbeth?**

A Macbeth cannot sleep after the murder

B sleep makes Macbeth strong

C Macbeth sleeps better than ever before in his life

D sleep cures Macbeth's guilt

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18 **What does closed book mean in the exam?**

A you may take the text in with you

B you may use your notes

C you may look things up online

D you cannot take the text in

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19 **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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20 **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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21 **The hall was bright with a hundred candles, and the long tables groaned beneath the weight of meat and bread. Music floated from the minstrels' corner, sweet as honey on the tongue, while the guests laughed and drank, and the lord at the high table raised his golden cup to his friends. Yet in the shadows by the door, a stranger stood apart, his face a mask of stone, watching the feast in silence. What mood does the extract create?**

- A uneasy
- B delighted
- C peaceful
- D joyful

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22 **Which of these is personification?**

- A the wind was strong and cold today
- B the wind whispered
- C the wind blew
- D the wind is air

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23 **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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24 **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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25 **What is a simile?**

A a comparison that says one thing is another

B a question that needs no answer

C a list of three things

D a comparison using like or as

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26 **When the carriage stopped, Miss Grey stepped down and looked up at the house. Its windows stared back at her, dark and empty, and the garden lay silent behind its iron gate, still as a held breath. She took a deep breath, lifted her small bag, and walked slowly up the long drive, wondering what sort of welcome waited inside. In the extract, the word ‘welcome’ most closely means**

A warning

B farewell

C punishment

D greeting

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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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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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29 **What is a cyclical structure?**

A it ends where it began

B it has no ending

C it tells events in a straight line

D it jumps around in time

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30 **Autumn leaves drift down through the cold air. Which word is a noun in this sentence: Leaves drift through the air?**

A Leaves

B through

C drift

D the

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31 **A beach stretches along the coast under a blue sky. Which sentence uses a colon correctly?**

A The: beach had everything.

B The beach had everything: sand, sea and sun.

C The beach: had everything.

D The beach had: everything you could want, sand, sea and sun.

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32 **A guitar is described as crying in the night. What language device is this?**

A a simile about the guitar

B a rhetorical question

C a list of guitar parts

D personification

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33 **Which word is an example of emotive language?**

A round

B green

C large

D cruel

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34 **What does Scrooge do on Christmas Day?**

A he goes to work as usual

B he stays at home alone all day and night

C he sends a turkey to the Cratchits

D he leaves London for good

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

A the context of the time

B your own opinion of the story

C the writer's methods

D the number of pages

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36 **What is register?**

A the list of names in a register

B the length of the text

C the sound of the writer's voice

D the level of formality

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37 **What does AO3 assess in English Literature?**

A the context of the text

B spelling and punctuation

C your personal response

D the writer's language

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38 **What does second person narration use?**

A they

B you

C he

D I

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39 **A snowman melts in the afternoon sun. Which word best describes the mood of a melting snowman?**

A triumphant

B terrifying and full of danger

C furious and very angry indeed

D sad

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40 **A bicycle with a flat tyre waits by the gate. Which word is a verb in this sentence: The boy mended the bicycle quickly?**

A the

B bicycle

C mended

D quickly

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41 **What is a topic sentence?**

A the first sentence of a paragraph

B a sentence in speech marks

C a sentence with no verb

D the last sentence of a whole text, right at the end

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42 **What is an unreliable narrator?**

A a narrator who tells the truth all the time

B a narrator who is always right

C a narrator who cannot be trusted

D a narrator with no opinions

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43 **What was life like for working people in 1912?**

A long holidays every year

B short hours, high pay and full protection

C no work and plenty of money

D long hours, low pay and little protection

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44 **The city at night was a river of light, and the cars flowed through it like bright fish in a stream. Above the roofs, the sky was a bruised purple, and the stars were few and shy, hiding behind the glow of the streets. I stood on the bridge and watched the water below, black and slow, carrying the lights of the city away into the dark. What mood does the extract create?**

A bewildered

B furious

C thoughtful

D terrified

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45 **How does Lady Macbeth die?**

A she dies offstage

B she becomes queen

C she is killed by Macduff

D she leaves Scotland for France

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46 **When the carriage stopped, Miss Grey stepped down and looked up at the house. Its windows stared back at her, dark and empty, and the garden lay silent behind its iron gate, still as a held breath. She took a deep breath, lifted her small bag, and walked slowly up the long drive, wondering what sort of welcome waited inside. What mood does the extract create?**

A bored

B delighted

C furious

D uneasy

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47 **What is a chorus in a play?**

A the main character of the play

B a speaker who comments on the action

C the final scene of the play

D a list of all the actors in the order they appear

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48 **Which of these is a metaphor?**

A the classroom was big

B the classroom was noisy

C the classroom was a zoo

D the classroom was like a zoo

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49 **What is a quotation?**

- A words taken from the text
- B a list of the characters
- C a summary of the whole plot
- D your own opinion in your own words

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50 **What is the effect of a short sentence?**

- A it makes the writing longer and slower
- B it adds detail
- C it creates impact
- D it confuses the reader

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39. D
40. C
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45. A
46. D
47. B
48. C
49. A
50. C

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