ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE EDEXCEL · UNIT 1 · 10 QUESTIONS

Shakespeare — Practice Test

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1 **A teapot pours tea into a cup on the kitchen table. Which sentence is in the passive voice?**

- A Grandma is pouring tea for everyone
- B The teapot sits on the kitchen table
- C Grandma poured the tea into the cup
- D The tea was poured by Grandma.

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2 **Autumn leaves cover the garden path in gold and red. Which sentence uses a metaphor?**

- A The leaves fell from the trees.
- B Autumn leaves are red and gold.
- C The path wore a coat of gold.
- D The path was covered in leaves.

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3 **What did James I write about witches?**

A a play about a king called Macbeth, written in verse

B a book about witchcraft called Daemonologie

C a letter to the Pope

D a poem about the sea

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4 **What is the prologue of Romeo and Juliet?**

A a sonnet spoken by the Chorus

B a letter read by the Prince

C a song sung by the Nurse in the garden

D a fight in the market square

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5 **What does AO4 assess in English Literature?**

A the plot of the whole text in order

B the context of the time

C the writer's main ideas

D spelling and punctuation

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6 **The queen stood at her window and looked out over the gardens, where the fountains sang in the morning sun. Below her, the courtiers strolled in pairs, bright as peacocks in their silks, and their laughter drifted up through the open casement. She smiled, yet her smile was a winter sun, cold and brief, for she knew that smiles at court were seldom true. In the extract, the word ‘seldom’ most closely means**

A often

B rarely

C never

D always

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7 **Which is the best order for a story opening?**

A set the scene, then introduce a problem

B start with a list of characters

C give the ending away in the first line, then explain it

D start with the answer key

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

A lions are brave

B brave as a lion

C a lion's roar

D the brave lion

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What is iambic pentameter?

A ten rhyming lines in a row

B a short line with no rhythm at all

C four pairs of syllables, with the stress on the first

D five pairs of syllables, stress on the second

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Why was killing a king so shocking to a Jacobean audience?

A the king was elected by the people

B the king had no power at all

C kings were very common then

D the king was God's chosen ruler

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ANSWER KEY

1. D
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. D
6. B
7. A
8. B
9. D
10. D

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