ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE EDEXCEL · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

19th-Century Novel — Practice Test

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

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

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2 **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 wind was strong.
- C The hill was green and steep.
- D The kite danced like a bright bird.

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3 **Books are called windows into other worlds. What language device is this?**

- A a list of book titles
- B a simile using the word like
- C a rhetorical question
- D a metaphor

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4 **A train journey is described in a story. Which sentence best sets the scene?**

- A Mist hung over the platform as the train steamed in.
- B I like trains a lot.
- C Trains are a form of transport used by many people every day.
- D The train had many seats.

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5 **An umbrella opens as the rain begins to fall. Which sentence uses a comma correctly in a list?**

- A She took her coat her umbrella, and her bag to the shops.
- B She took her coat, her umbrella, and, her bag.
- C She took, her coat her umbrella and her bag.
- D She took her coat, her umbrella and her bag.

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6 **A garden is described as a green jewel. What language device is this?**

- A a metaphor
- B a simile using the word as
- C a rhetorical question
- D a list of garden plants

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7 **Where is the novel set?**

A London

B Paris

C Edinburgh

D Dublin

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8 **Which of these is onomatopoeia?**

A buzz

B honey

C sting

D bee

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9 **What is context?**

A the number of chapters in the book

B the events of the plot in order

C the time, place and ideas around a text

D the words and phrases a writer chooses to use

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10 **What is the Victorian age?**

A the years of Queen Victoria's reign

B the years of King Henry's reign

C the years after the Second World War

D the years before the Romans

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11 **In a 19th-century text, what might thee and thou show?**

A words from another language entirely

B old forms of address

C names of people

D spelling mistakes

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12 **What is an omniscient narrator?**

A a narrator who only sees one scene

B a narrator who is a character in the story

C a narrator who knows everything

D a narrator who knows nothing at all

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13 **The train shook and rattled as it tore through the dark, and the fields flashed past the window like scenes in a dream. In the carriage, a gentleman read his newspaper by lamplight, while a young woman rocked her baby and stared at her own pale face in the glass. At last the engine gave a long, tired sigh, and the train slowed into the station. In the extract, the word ‘tore’ most closely means**

A stopped dead

B moved fast

C broke apart

D moved slowly

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14 **Who wrote The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde?**

A Mary Shelley the novelist

B Jane Austen the novelist

C Charles Dickens the novelist

D Robert Louis Stevenson

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15 **Which phrase uses hyperbole?**

- A I will tell you now
- B I have told you a million times
- C I told you yesterday
- D I have told you twice today already

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

- A the writer's methods
- B the number of pages
- C the context of the time
- D your own opinion of the story

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17 **What did respectability mean in Victorian times?**

A wearing the finest clothes

B being very rich and idle in a fine house

C behaving properly in public

D living in a palace

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18 **What was the Great Exhibition of 1851?**

A a new law

B a small village fete with cakes and tea

C a huge display of industry and goods

D a battle

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19 **What is a narrator?**

- A the place where the story happens
- B the main character of the story
- C the voice that tells the story
- D the title of the book

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20 **The moor stretched away on every side, brown and empty under a low grey sky. The wind sang through the dry grass, and far off a curlew cried, a thin, lonely sound, like a lost child calling. Sarah stood alone on the track, her coat flapping about her, and felt very small beneath the wide sky. Which phrase from the extract is a simile?**

- A like a lost child calling
- B the moor stretched away on every side
- C a thin, lonely sound
- D her coat flapping about her

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21 **Who does Hyde murder?**

A Doctor Jekyll himself

B Mr Utterson the lawyer

C Sir Danvers Carew

D Doctor Lanyon his friend

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22 **Which of these is personification?**

A the wind is air

B the wind blew

C the wind whispered

D the wind was strong and cold today

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23 **What is a quotation?**

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

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24 **Why might a 19th-century writer mention class?**

- A class was illegal to mention
- B class did not exist then
- C class was a new idea nobody knew
- D class shaped daily life

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What is a first person narrator?

A told by I, a character in the story

B told by you, the reader

C told by he or she, outside the story

D told by nobody at all

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

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