ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE EDEXCEL · UNIT 4 · 10 QUESTIONS

Poetry Since 1789 — Practice Test

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

- A Its the shops fault, and I want a refund today
- B Its the shop's fault.
- C It is the shop's fault.
- D It is the shops fault.

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2 **A teapot sits on the tray beside two cups. Which word best describes the mood of a quiet tea break?**

- A furious
- B chaotic and very loud indeed
- C terrifying and full of danger
- D calm

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3 **What is a theme?**

A the place and time where the story happens

B a big idea that runs through a text

C the first line of a poem

D a character in the story

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4 **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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5 **What is a volta?**

A the title of the poem

B the first line of the poem

C a poem with fourteen lines

D the turn in a poem

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6 **Who wrote The Manhunt?**

A Wilfred Owen

B Simon Armitage

C Carol Ann Duffy

D Ted Hughes

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7 **The last hundred metres were the hardest: the air thin, the wind sharp as a knife, the path gone to loose stones. Every step was an argument with my own legs, and twice I stopped and thought about turning back. Then the cloud broke, and the whole range opened below me, white and silent, and I forgot how tired I was. What mood does the extract create?**

- A disappointed
- B relaxed
- C triumphant
- D bored

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

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

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

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

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10 **What is a rhyming couplet?**

- **A** a single line on its own
- **B** two lines that rhyme
- **C** two lines that do not rhyme at all
- **D** a poem of fourteen lines

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ANSWER KEY

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

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