ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE OCR · UNIT 3 · 25 QUESTIONS

Poetry Anthology and Unseen — Practice Test

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1 **A kite is tangled in the branches of a tree. Which sentence is a simple sentence?**

- A The kite stuck in the tree and the boy cried.
- B When the wind blew, the kite stuck.
- C The kite stuck in the tree.
- D The kite stuck in the tree while the wind blew.

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2 **A guitar plays a gentle tune in the evening. Which word is an adverb in this sentence: He played the guitar softly?**

- A softly
- B played
- C guitar
- D he

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3 **A garden full of roses grows beside the cottage. Which word is closest in meaning to fragrant?**

A thoroughly unpleasant

B sweet-smelling

C very large and tall indeed

D silent and completely still

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4 **A snowman wears a scarf and a coal smile. Which phrase is an example of personification?**

A the snowman was white

B the snow was cold

C the snowman smiled

D the scarf was red

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5 **Books are stacked on the desk beside a lamp. Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly for possession?**

A The book,s cover was torn.

B The book's cover was torn.

C The books cover was torn.

D The book cover was torn by the dog.

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6 **A beach at dawn is quiet and empty. Which sentence best creates a calm mood?**

A The beach was very noisy and busy all day long.

B Soft waves whispered on the sand.

C Everyone shouted and ran about

D The beach had sand and sea

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7 **The lighthouse stands alone on the rock, white against the grey sky, and the sea beats upon the stone, day after day, year after year. Its light turns through the dark like a slow, patient eye, warning the ships away from the shore. The keeper climbs the narrow stairs each evening, and the lamp wakes, a small sun in the night. What mood does the extract create?**

- A furious
- B joyful
- C lonely
- D excited

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8 **Why compare texts on the same topic?**

- A to avoid reading one
- B to see different viewpoints
- C to save time reading
- D to find out which text is longer

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

A the writer is asleep

B the writer means the opposite

C the writer is happy

D the writer is being completely serious

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10 **What is The Falling Leaves about?**

A a gardener raking up leaves

B leaves falling like dying soldiers

C leaves falling in a spring garden in the morning

D children playing in the leaves

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

- A green
- B round
- C large
- D cruel

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12 **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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13 **What does AO1 assess in English Literature?**

A your response with evidence

B how writers use language, form and structure

C the context of the time

D spelling and punctuation

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14 **Every summer we went to the same small beach, and every summer my grandfather would roll his trousers up and paddle, pretending the water was not cold. The sand got everywhere, fine as dust and twice as stubborn: in our sandwiches, in our shoes, in the car on the way home. I can still hear the gulls and smell the salt, and I would give anything to go back for one more day. What mood does the extract create?**

A nostalgic

B terrified

C furious

D bored

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15 **What does synthesis mean in reading?**

A reading only the first line

B splitting a text into single words

C copying out the text

D bringing ideas together

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16 **Which phrase uses hyperbole?**

A I have told you twice today already

B I have told you a million times

C I told you yesterday

D I will tell you now

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17 **What is a sonnet?**

A a poem of four lines

B a long poem that tells a story

C a poem of fourteen lines

D a poem with no rhyme at all

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

A to show you can copy out the text

B to avoid writing your own ideas

C to make your essay longer and fill the page

D to support your point

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19 **Every summer we went to the same small beach, and every summer my grandfather would roll his trousers up and paddle, pretending the water was not cold. The sand got everywhere, fine as dust and twice as stubborn: in our sandwiches, in our shoes, in the car on the way home. I can still hear the gulls and smell the salt, and I would give anything to go back for one more day. In the extract, the word ‘paddle’ most closely means**

- A sail a small boat
- B fish with a rod
- C swim far out to sea on your own
- D walk in shallow water

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

- A which text is longer
- B which text is older
- C which text has more paragraphs in total
- D how each writer presents the idea

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21 **Which phrase creates a serious tone?**

A no worries at all

B whatever

C a bit of a laugh, really, nothing serious

D a matter of grave concern

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22 **Who wrote The Soldier?**

A John McCrae

B Rupert Brooke

C Siegfried Sassoon

D Wilfred Owen

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23 **What is a volta?**

A a poem with fourteen lines

B the turn in a poem

C the first line of the poem

D the title of the poem

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24 **What is context?**

A the time, place and ideas around a text

B the events of the plot in order

C the number of chapters in the book

D the words and phrases a writer chooses to use

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A the keeper climbs the narrow stairs each evening

B white against the grey sky

C the lighthouse stands alone on the rock

D a small sun in the night

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ANSWER KEY

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

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