ENGLAND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE OCR · FINAL EXAM · 50 QUESTIONS

Final Exam — Practice Test

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1 **What is a morality play?**

- A a play with no characters in it
- B a funny play about a wedding
- C a play that teaches nothing at all to anyone
- D a play that teaches right from wrong

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

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3 **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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4 **A guitar leans against the chair in the corner. Which sentence uses a semicolon correctly?**

- A The guitar was old; and its strings were worn thin with use.
- B The guitar; was old and worn.
- C The guitar was old; its strings were worn thin.
- D The guitar was; old and worn.

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

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

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

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

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7 **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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8 **A teapot is described as singing on the stove. What language device is this?**

- A a simile comparing the teapot to a singer
- B personification
- C an onomatopoeic list of sounds
- D a metaphor about the kitchen

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9 **What is the effect of first person narration?**

A the reader knows what every character thinks

B the story is always true

C the story has no narrator

D the reader shares the narrator's feelings

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10 **What is an unreliable narrator?**

A a narrator with no opinions

B a narrator who is always right

C a narrator who tells the truth all the time

D a narrator who cannot be trusted

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11 **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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12 **What does Macbeth see at the banquet?**

- A the three witches
- B a crown on a cushion
- C the ghost of Banquo
- D the ghost of Duncan

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13 **Why do post-war writers question leaders?**

A leaders asked writers to question them

B leaders were always right in wartime, so writers agreed

C writers disliked all old people

D the wars showed leaders could fail badly

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14 **What is a bildungsroman?**

A a novel with no ending

B a novel about growing up

C a novel about a war

D a short story about animals

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15 **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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16 **What is a stage direction?**

A the title of the play

B a line spoken aloud by the main character

C an instruction about movement and setting

D a list of the actors

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17 **A birthday cake is cut into slices for the guests. Which word is an adverb in this sentence: She sliced the cake fast?**

- A fast
- B she
- C sliced
- D cake

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18 **A garden blooms behind the old cottage. Which sentence uses a comma correctly after a fronted adverbial?**

- A In the morning, the garden smelled of rain.
- B In the morning the garden smelled, of rain.
- C In the morning the garden, smelled of rain.
- D In, the morning the garden smelled of rain.

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19 **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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20 **Which of these is onomatopoeia?**

- A sting
- B honey
- C buzz
- D bee

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

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

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22 **When was Victoria queen?**

- A 1837 to 1901
- B 1603 to 1625
- C 1714 to 1727
- D 1901 to 1910

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23 **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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24 **The ship pitched and rolled in the storm, and the waves rose like grey mountains around her. The captain stood at the helm, his face set like iron, shouting orders that the wind tore away before they could be heard. Below, in the dark belly of the ship, the sailors prayed, and the timbers groaned as if the ship herself were in pain. Which phrase from the extract is a metaphor?**

- A the dark belly of the ship
- B the ship pitched and rolled in the storm
- C the captain stood at the helm
- D shouting orders that the wind tore away before they could be heard

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25 **What is a soliloquy?**

- A a fight scene with swords and shields
- B two characters talking together on stage
- C one character thinking aloud alone
- D a song sung by the whole chorus at once

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26 **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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27 **Who wrote The Soldier?**

A John McCrae

B Rupert Brooke

C Siegfried Sassoon

D Wilfred Owen

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

A it creates impact

B it adds detail

C it makes the writing longer and slower

D it confuses the reader

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

A the context of the time

B the writer's main ideas

C spelling and punctuation

D the plot of the whole text in order

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30 **What changes Darcy's mind about Elizabeth?**

A she refuses his first proposal

B she leaves England for good

C she begs him to marry her

D she marries Mr Collins at once, to his surprise

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31 **An umbrella is described as a shield against the storm. What language device is this?**

A a list of rainy-day objects

B a simile using the word like

C a metaphor

D a rhetorical question

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32 **An umbrella shelters two friends from the rain. Which word is an adjective in this sentence: The red umbrella kept them dry?**

A red

B dry

C them

D kept

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33 **What is the conch?**

A a shell used to call meetings

B a boat used to leave the island

C a weapon used for hunting pigs

D a torch used to light the fire

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34 **What is a cliffhanger?**

A an ending that answers every question in full

B a list of the characters

C an ending that leaves you wanting more

D the first line of a novel

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35 **Which of these is a rhetorical question?**

A Would you like to be free or not?

B Who would not want to be free?

C Be free.

D I want to be free.

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36 **What is an act?**

- A a song between the scenes
- B the whole play from start to finish
- C a single line spoken on stage
- D a large section of a play

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37 **What does AO1 assess in English Literature?**

- A the context of the time
- B spelling and punctuation
- C how writers use language, form and structure
- D your response with evidence

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38 **What is the entail in Pride and Prejudice?**

A the estate must be sold at once

B the estate must be given to the church

C the estate must pass to the eldest daughter

D the estate must pass to a male heir

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39 **A beach is busy with families on a hot day. Which sentence is in the passive voice?**

A The children built the sandcastle on the beach in the morning

B The children built the sandcastle

C The sandcastle was built by the children.

D The sandcastle stood on the beach

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40 **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.

B She took her coat, her umbrella and her bag.

C She took her coat her umbrella, and her bag to the shops.

D She took, her coat her umbrella and her bag.

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41 **What is a theme?**

A a character in the story

B a big idea that runs through a text

C the place and time where the story happens

D the first line of a poem

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42 **What is setting?**

- **A** the main character of the story
- **B** where and when the story happens
- **C** how a writer creates a character in full
- **D** the number of chapters

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43 **What is the difference between tone and mood?**

- **A** they are the same thing
- **B** tone is the reader's feeling, mood is the writer's attitude
- **C** tone is the writer's attitude, mood is the reader's feeling
- **D** neither can be found in a text

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44 **What does Macbeth mean by tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow?**

A life will get better soon

B life has no meaning

C life is short but sweet

D life is full of joy and hope

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45 **The tide was out, and the sand stretched away, wet and shining, like a sheet of glass. Sam and his little brother built a castle with a moat, and the waves came creeping back, licking at the walls, until the whole thing sighed and fell. Sam laughed, and they started again, because that was the game. In the extract, the word ‘moat’ most closely means**

A a tall tower with a flag on top

B sandy beach

C ditch around a castle

D wooden bridge

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46 **How many assessment objectives are there in GCSE English Literature?**

A four

B five

C three

D six

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47 **What is Vergissmeinnicht about?**

A a nurse tending the wounded

B a general planning a battle

C a soldier winning a medal for bravery in battle

D a dead enemy soldier and his photograph

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48 **A bridge is described as a stone arm reaching across the water. What language device is this?**

A a rhetorical question

B a simile using the word like

C a list of bridge parts

D a metaphor

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49 **Who is Snowball?**

A the farmer who owns the farm

B the pig who is driven out

C the pig who becomes leader

D the horse who works hardest

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50 **Why did children work in Victorian times?**

A there were no schools at all then

B children liked factory work best

C their families needed the money

D their families were rich and idle

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45. C
46. A
47. D
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