

Fundamentals of Poetry

Poetry · Practice Test · 20 Questions

1. What is a poem often written in?

- A) Prose
- B) Verse
- C) Drama
- D) Fiction

2. Which of these is a common element found in poetry?

- A) Dialogue
- B) Chapters
- C) Rhyme
- D) Plot

3. Who is famous for writing 'Romeo and Juliet'?

- A) Jane Austen
- B) William Shakespeare
- C) Charles Dickens
- D) Edgar Allan Poe

4. What is a short poem, typically with four lines, called?

- A) Sonnet
- B) Haiku
- C) Ballad
- D) Quatrain

5. What poetic device involves the repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of words?

- A) Assonance
- B) Metaphor
- C) Alliteration
- D) Onomatopoeia

6. Which famous poet wrote 'The Raven'?

- A) Robert Frost
- B) Emily Dickinson
- C) Edgar Allan Poe
- D) Langston Hughes

7. A poem that tells a story is generally known as what?

- A) Limerick
- B) Ode
- C) Lyric
- D) Ballad

8. What is the primary purpose of a simile?

- A) To create a funny rhyme
- B) To compare two unlike things using 'like' or 'as'
- C) To describe a historical event
- D) To list ingredients

9. Which of these is a popular form of Japanese poetry with a 5-7-5 syllable structure?

- A) Sonnet
- B) Haiku
- C) Villanelle
- D) Cinquain

10. What is a figure of speech that directly addresses an absent person or a personified object?

- A) Personification
- B) Apostrophe
- C) Hyperbole
- D) Irony

11. Who is considered one of the most influential poets of the Romantic era in Britain?

- A) William Wordsworth
- B) T.S. Eliot
- C) Walt Whitman
- D) Sylvia Plath

12. What is the term for the pattern of stressed and unstressed syllables in a line of poetry?

- A) Stanza
- B) Rhyme Scheme
- C) Meter
- D) Alliteration

13. What poetic form has exactly 14 lines and a specific rhyme scheme?

- A) Haiku
- B) Limerick
- C) Sonnet
- D) Ballad

14. Who wrote the American Civil War poem 'O Captain! My Captain!'?

- A) Emily Dickinson
- B) Walt Whitman
- C) Robert Frost
- D) Langston Hughes

15. The use of words that imitate sounds is called:

- A) Alliteration
- B) Assonance
- C) Onomatopoeia
- D) Metaphor

16. What is a group of lines forming the basic recurring metrical unit in a poem?

- A) Verse
- B) Stanza
- C) Sonnet
- D) Couplet

17. Who is famous for her distinctive style and poems like 'Because I could not stop for Death'?

- A) Maya Angelou
- B) Sylvia Plath
- C) Emily Dickinson
- D) Christina Rossetti

18. What is a poem's emotional attitude towards its subject called?

- A) Rhythm
- B) Tone
- C) Imagery
- D) Rhyme

19. Which poet is known for his connection to the Beat Generation and works like 'Howl'?

- A) Jack Kerouac
- B) Allen Ginsberg
- C) William S. Burroughs
- D) Bob Dylan

20. The author's choice and use of words and phrases in speech or writing is known as:

- A) Syntax
- B) Imagery
- C) Diction
- D) Figurative Language