

Global Literary Giants

Literature · Practice Test · 20 Questions

1. Who was the first Asian Nobel laureate in Literature?

- A) Haruki Murakami
- B) Rabindranath Tagore
- C) Lu Xun
- D) Naguib Mahfouz

2. Which work by Rabindranath Tagore is mentioned as a collection reflecting spirituality and Indian identity?

- A) Kafka on the Shore
- B) Gitanjali
- C) Diary of a Madman
- D) The Divine Comedy

3. Haruki Murakami's "Kafka on the Shore" blends which two literary elements?

- A) Realism and Fantasy
- B) Magical Realism and Existentialism
- C) Historical Fiction and Romance
- D) Science Fiction and Thriller

4. Lu Xun is considered the father of modern Chinese literature for which work?

- A) Things Fall Apart
- B) Beloved
- C) Diary of a Madman
- D) The Handmaid's Tale

5. Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" offers commentary on which societal issues in 19th-century America?

- A) Industrialization and Labor
- B) Race and Society
- C) Immigration and Urbanization
- D) Class Struggle and Poverty

6. Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale" is a critical exploration of societal roles and what other dynamics?

- A) Economic Policies
- B) Environmental Concerns
- C) Power Dynamics
- D) Technological Advancements

7. Which novel by Toni Morrison delves into the complexities of identity and trauma within the African American experience?

- A) The House of the Spirits
- B) Beloved
- C) July's People
- D) Palace Walk

8. William Shakespeare is known for his profound exploration of what through his plays and sonnets?

- A) Scientific Discoveries
- B) Human Nature
- C) Political Revolutions
- D) Economic Systems

9. Franz Kafka is a pioneer of which literary styles, capturing modernist anxieties?

- A) Romanticism and Gothic
- B) Realism and Naturalism
- C) Existential and Absurdist
- D) Symbolism and Impressionism

10. Dante Alighieri's "The Divine Comedy" is a cornerstone of which literature?

- A) English
- B) French
- C) Italian
- D) Spanish

11. Gabriel García Márquez is renowned for intertwining magical realism with social commentary in which novel?

- A) Ficciones
- B) The House of the Spirits
- C) One Hundred Years of Solitude
- D) Things Fall Apart

12. Jorge Luis Borges, through "Ficciones," reshapes narrative boundaries with what kind of themes?

- A) Historical
- B) Philosophical
- C) Biographical
- D) Autobiographical

13. Isabel Allende's "The House of the Spirits" combines personal and political histories, giving voice to whose experiences?

- A) Men's
- B) Children's
- C) Women's
- D) Elderly's

14. Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart" portrays the impacts of what on African society?

- A) Industrialization
- B) Globalization
- C) Colonialism
- D) Technology

15. Nadine Gordimer explored the complexities of race and power dynamics in apartheid South Africa in which novel?

- A) Palace Walk
- B) Things Fall Apart
- C) July's People
- D) The Handmaid's Tale

16. Naguib Mahfouz, the first Arab Nobel laureate, is renowned for which novel?

- A) The Divine Comedy
- B) Kafka on the Shore
- C) Palace Walk
- D) Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

17. Rabindranath Tagore was a polymath, meaning he excelled in many fields, including being a poet, writer, and what else?

- A) Scientist
- B) Architect
- C) Composer
- D) Economist

18. Which of these authors is associated with magical realism?

- A) William Shakespeare
- B) Toni Morrison
- C) Gabriel García Márquez
- D) Franz Kafka

19. The text identifies Lu Xun as the father of modern Chinese literature, born and raised in which region?

- A) Jiangnan provinces
- B) Beijing
- C) Shanghai
- D) Guangdong

20. Margaret Atwood's work "The Handmaid's Tale" is described as feminist speculative fiction, exploring themes of gender oppression and what kind of futures?

- A) Utopian
- B) Dystopian
- C) Historical
- D) Realistic