

Foundational English Literature

English Literature · Practice Test · 18 Questions

1. Who is famously known as the 'Bard of Avon'?

- A) Charles Dickens
- B) William Shakespeare
- C) Jane Austen
- D) Geoffrey Chaucer

2. Which of the following is a Shakespearean tragedy?

- A) A Midsummer Night's Dream
- B) Twelfth Night
- C) Hamlet
- D) The Taming of the Shrew

3. Jane Austen is best known for her novels exploring social manners and relationships. Which of these is one of her most famous works?

- A) Wuthering Heights
- B) Pride and Prejudice
- C) Great Expectations
- D) To Kill a Mockingbird

4. The epic poem 'The Odyssey' is attributed to which ancient Greek poet?

- A) Sophocles
- B) Virgil
- C) Homer
- D) Plato

5. Which literary period is characterized by a renewed interest in classical learning and art, roughly from the 14th to the 16th century?

- A) Romanticism
- B) Victorian Era
- C) Renaissance
- D) Modernism

6. Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' tells the story of which miserly character?

- A) Oliver Twist
- B) Scrooge
- C) Pip
- D) David Copperfield

7. Which genre of literature typically features magic, mythical creatures, and quests?

- A) Science Fiction
- B) Mystery
- C) Fantasy
- D) Historical Fiction

8. Who wrote the dystopian novel 'Nineteen Eighty-Four'?

- A) Aldous Huxley
- B) George Orwell
- C) Ray Bradbury
- D) J.R.R. Tolkien

9. The poem 'The Raven' is a famous work by which American writer?

- A) Walt Whitman
- B) Emily Dickinson
- C) Edgar Allan Poe
- D) Robert Frost

10. What is the term for a story that is told from the perspective of a character within the story, often using 'I'?

- A) Third-person omniscient
- B) First-person narration
- C) Second-person narration
- D) Third-person limited

11. Geoffrey Chaucer is best known for his collection of stories called:

- A) The Canterbury Tales
- B) Beowulf
- C) Le Morte d'Arthur
- D) Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

12. Which literary device involves giving human qualities to inanimate objects or abstract ideas?

- A) Metaphor
- B) Simile
- C) Personification
- D) Alliteration

13. The Bronte sisters are famous for their novels. Which sister wrote 'Jane Eyre'?

- A) Anne Bronte
- B) Emily Bronte
- C) Charlotte Bronte
- D) Agatha Christie

14. What is the main theme of Shakespeare's play 'Romeo and Juliet'?

- A) Revenge
- B) Political intrigue
- C) Love and fate
- D) Social injustice

15. Which of these is a classic example of a detective novel?

- A) Frankenstein
- B) Moby Dick
- C) The Hound of the Baskervilles
- D) Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

16. The Romantic period in English literature (late 18th to mid-19th century) often emphasized:

- A) Reason and logic
- B) Industrialisation and progress
- C) Emotion and individualism
- D) Social realism

17. Who wrote the novel 'To Kill a Mockingbird'?

- A) F. Scott Fitzgerald
- B) Harper Lee
- C) John Steinbeck
- D) Ernest Hemingway

18. A poem that tells a story, often in verse, is called a(n):

- A) Sonnet
- B) Lyric poem
- C) Epic poem
- D) Ballad