

Literary Naturalism and Zoology

Literature · Practice Test · 15 Questions

1. In Herman Melville's 'Moby-Dick', which species of whale is the titular character specifically identified as?

- A) Balaenoptera musculus
- B) Physeter macrocephalus
- C) Orcinus orca
- D) Eubalaena glacialis

2. Which 19th-century naturalist and writer authored 'The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne', a seminal work in the field of ecology?

- A) Gilbert White
- B) Henry David Thoreau
- C) John Burroughs
- D) Alexander von Humboldt

3. In Jack London's 'The Call of the Wild', what is the specific breed of the protagonist, Buck?

- A) Purebred Husky
- B) St. Bernard-Scotch Collie mix
- C) Alaskan Malamute
- D) Grey Wolf-Dog hybrid

4. Which literary work by Rachel Carson is credited with advancing the global environmental movement by documenting the effects of pesticides on bird populations?

- A) The Sea Around Us
- B) Silent Spring
- C) The Edge of the Sea
- D) Under the Sea Wind

5. In the novel 'The Yearling' by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, what species of animal does the protagonist Jody Baxter adopt?

- A) White-tailed deer
- B) Florida panther
- C) Red fox
- D) Black bear

6. Which Nobel Prize-winning author wrote 'The Old Man and the Sea', which features a detailed struggle with a giant marlin?

- A) William Faulkner
- B) Ernest Hemingway
- C) John Steinbeck
- D) Sinclair Lewis

7. In Richard Adams' 'Watership Down', the rabbits speak a fictional language called Lapine; what real-world animal does the 'Black Rabbit of Inle' represent?

- A) A predatory owl
- B) A death omen
- C) A burrowing badger
- D) A dominant alpha

8. Which poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge features an albatross as a symbol of the natural world and the consequences of harming it?

- A) Kubla Khan
- B) Christabel
- C) The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
- D) Dejection: An Ode

9. In Yann Martel's 'Life of Pi', what is the scientific name of the Bengal tiger that shares a lifeboat with the protagonist?

- A) *Panthera tigris tigris*
- B) *Panthera leo*
- C) *Acinonyx jubatus*
- D) *Panthera onca*

10. Henry David Thoreau's 'Walden' focuses on his experiment in simple living near which body of water?

- A) Lake Winnepesaukee
- B) Walden Pond
- C) Lake Champlain
- D) Mirror Lake

11. In 'Tarka the Otter' by Henry Williamson, Tarka belongs to which specific sub-species of otter native to the British Isles?

- A) North American River Otter
- B) Giant Otter
- C) Eurasian Otter
- D) Sea Otter

12. Which classic dystopian novel features the 'Animal Farm', where the pigs become the leaders of the farm, reflecting real-world political structures?

- A) 1984
- B) Brave New World
- C) Animal Farm
- D) The Iron Heel

13. In the works of Beatrix Potter, what specific species is the character 'Jemima Puddle-Duck'?

- A) Mallard
- B) Aylesbury duck
- C) Muscovy duck
- D) Peking duck

14. Which 19th-century Russian author wrote 'Notes of a Hunter', a collection of stories detailing the rural life and nature of the Orel region?

- A) Leo Tolstoy
- B) Fyodor Dostoevsky
- C) Ivan Turgenev
- D) Anton Chekhov

15. What is the primary theme of Aldo Leopold's 'A Sand County Almanac', which introduced the concept of a 'land ethic'?

- A) Wildlife conservation
- B) Industrial agriculture
- C) Urban planning
- D) Maritime exploration