

Advanced Literary History

Literature · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. In what year was the first volume of Miguel de Cervantes' 'Don Quixote' originally published?

- A) 1605**
- B) 1610
- C) 1615
- D) 1620

2. How many lines are contained in a traditional Petrarchan sonnet?

- A) 12
- B) 14**
- C) 16
- D) 18

3. Which novel was the first to be published in the 'Pleiade' series by Gallimard in 1931?

- A) Les Miserables
- B) Madame Bovary
- C) The Red and the Black**
- D) In Search of Lost Time

4. In Dante Alighieri's 'Divine Comedy', how many circles of Hell are depicted in the 'Inferno'?

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9**
- D) 10

5. How many chapters comprise the original 1813 publication of Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice'?

- A) 58
- B) 61**
- C) 65
- D) 70

6. In which year did the Nobel Prize in Literature first begin awarding winners?

- A) 1895
- B) 1901**
- C) 1905
- D) 1910

7. How many distinct 'books' or parts make up the standard edition of Milton's 'Paradise Lost' published in 1674?

- A) 10
- B) 12**
- C) 14
- D) 24

8. What is the exact number of lines in a complete English 'Spenserian stanza'?

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9**
- D) 10

9. The fictional character Leopold Bloom appears in which specific chapter of James Joyce's 'Ulysses'?

- A) 1
- B) 3
- C) 4**
- D) 6

10. In what year was the first complete English translation of the Bible by John Wycliffe's followers finished?

- A) 1382
- B) 1395**
- C) 1410
- D) 1425

11. How many years does the story of Gabriel García Márquez's 'One Hundred Years of Solitude' span?

- A) 50
- B) 75
- C) 100**
- D) 125

12. Which author published the seminal work 'A Vindication of the Rights of Woman' in 1792?

- A) Mary Wollstonecraft**
- B) Jane Austen
- C) George Eliot
- D) Charlotte Bronte

13. How many 'books' are included in Edmund Spenser's 'The Faerie Queene' as it was left unfinished at his death?

A) 6

B) 7

C) 8

D) 9

14. The first collection of Shakespeare's plays, the First Folio, was published in what year?

A) 1616

B) 1623

C) 1630

D) 1635

15. How many stanzas are found in Thomas Gray's 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'?

A) 28

B) 32

C) 36

D) 40

16. In T.S. Eliot's 'The Waste Land', how many sections comprise the complete poem?

A) 4

B) 5

C) 6

D) 7

17. Who was the youngest winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature at the time of their award in 1907?

A) Rudyard Kipling

B) Thomas Mann

C) W.B. Yeats

D) George Bernard Shaw

18. How many lines make up a single Haiku in its traditional Japanese form?

A) 2

B) 3

C) 4

D) 5