

Advanced Literary History

Literature · Practice Test · 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