

English Literature Assessment

English Literature · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which character serves as the primary antagonist in William Golding's 'Lord of the Flies'?

- A) Ralph
- B) Jack Merridew**
- C) Piggy
- D) Simon

2. In F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby', what does the green light at the end of Daisy's dock symbolize?

- A) The wealth of the East Egg
- B) Gatsby's unattainable dream**
- C) The corruption of the American Dream
- D) The passage of time

3. Which literary device is used in the phrase 'the wind whispered through the trees'?

- A) Metaphor
- B) Hyperbole
- C) Personification**
- D) Oxymoron

4. In Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice', who is the protagonist?

- A) Elizabeth Bennet**
- B) Charlotte Lucas
- C) Jane Bennet
- D) Lady Catherine de Bourgh

5. Which of the following is the defining characteristic of a Petrarchan sonnet?

- A) Three quatrains and a couplet
- B) An octave followed by a sestet**
- C) A series of five couplets
- D) Blank verse structure

6. What is the name of the protagonist in George Orwell's '1984'?

- A) O'Brien
- B) Syme
- C) Winston Smith**
- D) Emmanuel Goldstein

7. Which Shakespearean play features the characters Rosencrantz and Guildenstern?

- A) Macbeth
- B) Hamlet**
- C) Othello
- D) King Lear

8. What type of poem is Homer's 'The Odyssey'?

- A) Lyric poem
- B) Epic poem**
- C) Elegy
- D) Sonnet

9. In 'To Kill a Mockingbird', what is the profession of Atticus Finch?

- A) Doctor
- B) Sheriff
- C) Lawyer**
- D) Teacher

10. Which of these works was written by Mary Shelley?

- A) Jane Eyre
- B) Frankenstein**
- C) Wuthering Heights
- D) The Mysteries of Udolpho

11. What is a 'soliloquy' in a play?

- A) A dialogue between two characters
- B) A speech given by a character alone on stage**
- C) A brief comment made to the audience
- D) A song sung by a chorus

12. Who wrote the poem 'The Raven'?

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

13. In 'Animal Farm', which animal represents Joseph Stalin?

- A) Napoleon**
- B) Snowball
- C) Old Major
- D) Squealer

14. Which term describes the 'turning point' of a narrative arc?

- A) Exposition
- B) Climax**
- C) Resolution
- D) Falling Action

15. What is the central theme of Arthur Miller's 'The Crucible'?

- A) The Salem witch trials**
- B) The American Civil War
- C) The Great Depression
- D) Industrialization

16. Which author wrote 'The Catcher in the Rye'?

- A) J.D. Salinger**
- B) John Steinbeck
- C) Ernest Hemingway
- D) F. Scott Fitzgerald

17. What is an iambic pentameter line composed of?

- A) Five stressed syllables
- B) Ten syllables with alternating stress**
- C) Seven stressed syllables
- D) Twelve syllables of equal stress

18. Which novel begins with the famous line 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'?

- A) Great Expectations
- B) Oliver Twist
- C) A Tale of Two Cities**
- D) David Copperfield