

Introduction to Poetry

Poetry · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. What is the term for a poem that consists of exactly fourteen lines?

- A) Haiku
- B) Sonnet
- C) Limerick
- D) Ballad

2. Which poetic device involves the repetition of initial consonant sounds in neighboring words?

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

3. A haiku traditionally consists of how many lines?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four
- D) Five

4. What is a direct comparison between two unlike things using the words 'like' or 'as'?

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

5. Who is the famous English playwright and poet known for writing 154 sonnets?

- A) Robert Frost
- B) William Shakespeare
- C) Emily Dickinson
- D) Langston Hughes

6. What is the name of a poem that tells a story and is often set to music?

- A) Ballad
- B) Ode
- C) Elegy
- D) Epic

7. Which type of poetry does not follow a specific rhyme scheme or meter?

- A) Free verse
- B) Blank verse
- C) Villanelle
- D) Couplet

8. A 'limerick' is a humorous poem consisting of how many lines?

- A) Three
- B) Five
- C) Seven
- D) Ten

9. What do you call a pair of successive lines of verse that typically rhyme and have the same meter?

- A) Stanza
- B) Quatrain
- C) Couplet
- D) Refrain

10. What is the definition of 'personification' in poetry?

- A) Giving human qualities to non-human objects
- B) Comparing two things without using like or as
- C) The pattern of rhyming words at the end of lines
- D) An extreme exaggeration used for emphasis

11. What is an 'epic' poem primarily known for?

- A) Being very short
- B) Telling a long, heroic narrative
- C) Focusing on sadness
- D) Being written in prose

12. In a poem, what is a 'stanza'?

- A) A single line of text
- B) The rhythm of the poem
- C) A group of lines forming a unit
- D) The author's tone

13. What poetic device is an extreme exaggeration used to make a point?

- A) Hyperbole
- B) Alliteration
- C) Onomatopoeia
- D) Symbolism

14. Which word refers to the pattern of rhymes at the end of each line in a poem?

- A) Meter
- B) Stanza
- C) Rhyme scheme
- D) Foot

15. What is 'onomatopoeia'?

- A) A word that imitates a sound
- B) The use of symbols to represent ideas
- C) The beat of a poem
- D) A type of metaphor

16. Which American poet is famously associated with the poem 'The Road Not Taken'?

- A) Walt Whitman
- B) Robert Frost
- C) Maya Angelou
- D) Edgar Allan Poe

17. What is the term for the 'beat' or musical rhythm of a poem?

- A) Meter
- B) Stanza
- C) Imagery
- D) Cacophony

18. What is an 'elegy'?

- A) A poem of praise
- B) A poem of mourning or lament
- C) A poem about nature
- D) A poem with five lines

19. Which literary term describes the visual or sensory images created by poetic language?

- A) Imagery
- B) Allusion
- C) Irony
- D) Tone

20. Who wrote the famous poem 'The Raven'?

- A) Emily Dickinson
- B) Edgar Allan Poe
- C) Sylvia Plath
- D) T.S. Eliot

21. What is an 'allusion' in poetry?

- A) A direct reference to another work, person, or event
- B) A type of rhyme
- C) A rhyming pattern
- D) The title of the poem

22. Which poetic form has a syllable structure of 5-7-5?

- A) Haiku
- B) Limerick
- C) Sonnet
- D) Ode

23. What is the term for a poem that praises or glorifies an event or individual?

- A) Ode
- B) Elegy
- C) Epic
- D) Satire

24. Which of these is a poem that uses the first letter of each line to spell out a word or message?

- A) Acrostic
- B) Haiku
- C) Sonnet
- D) Ballad

25. What is 'blank verse' defined as?

- A) Unrhymed iambic pentameter
- B) Rhymed couplets
- C) Poetry without any structure
- D) Free verse with no rhythm