

Fundamentals of Poetry

English Literature · Practice Test · 25 Questions

1. What is a group of lines in a poem called?

- A) Stanza
- B) Chapter
- C) Paragraph
- D) Verse

2. Which literary device repeats the same consonant sound at the beginning of adjacent words?

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

3. What do we call a poem that has fourteen lines and a specific rhyme scheme?

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

4. What is the term for the pattern of rhymes at the end of each line in a poem?

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

5. Which poetic device uses the words 'like' or 'as' to compare two different things?

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

6. What is the term for giving human qualities to non-human objects or ideas?

- A) Personification
- B) Alliteration
- C) Symbolism
- D) Imagery

7. A word that imitates the sound it represents is known as what?

- A) Oxymoron
- B) Onomatopoeia
- C) Consonance
- D) Assonance

8. How many lines are typically found in a Haiku?

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5
- D) 14

9. What is an extreme exaggeration used for emphasis called?

- A) Irony
- B) Metaphor
- C) Hyperbole
- D) Pun

10. What is the rhythmical pattern of a poem based on stressed and unstressed syllables called?

- A) Meter
- B) Rhyme
- C) Stanza
- D) Tone

11. Which type of poem is intended to be humorous and consists of five lines with an AABBA rhyme scheme?

- A) Haiku
- B) Sonnet
- C) Limerick
- D) Free verse

12. What is a direct comparison between two unlike things that does not use 'like' or 'as'?

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

13. What do we call poetry that does not rhyme or have a regular meter?

- A) Free verse
- B) Blank verse
- C) Epic
- D) Ballad

14. The repetition of vowel sounds within nearby words is known as what?

- A) Alliteration
- B) Assonance
- C) Onomatopoeia
- D) Consonance

15. What is the name for the emotional quality or 'feeling' created by a poem?

- A) Theme
- B) Tone
- C) Meter
- D) Stanza

16. What is the central idea or underlying message of a poem?

- A) Theme
- B) Rhyme
- C) Stanza
- D) Imagery

17. Which term refers to the use of descriptive language that appeals to the five senses?

- A) Symbolism
- B) Imagery
- C) Hyperbole
- D) Irony

18. A poem that tells a story is known as what type of poetry?

- A) Lyric
- B) Narrative
- C) Haiku
- D) Ode

19. What is a brief, often witty, statement or poem called?

- A) Epigram
- B) Sonnet
- C) Epic
- D) Ballad

20. What is the term for two consecutive lines of poetry that rhyme?

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

21. Which term describes the repetition of identical or similar sounds at the end of words?

- A) Rhyme
- B) Meter
- C) Stanza
- D) Alliteration

22. A stanza consisting of exactly four lines is called a what?

- A) Couplet
- B) Quatrain
- C) Quintain
- D) Sestet

23. What is an object that represents an abstract idea in a poem?

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

24. What is the 'speaker' of a poem commonly referred to as?

- A) The author
- B) The poet
- C) The persona
- D) The subject

25. Which term refers to the dictionary definition of a word?

- A) Connotation
- B) Denotation
- C) Symbolism
- D) Theme