

Advanced Creative Writing Concepts

Creative Writing · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is the literary device called when an author uses a part of something to represent the whole, such as saying 'all hands on deck'?

- A) Metonymy
- B) Synecdoche**
- C) Hyperbole
- D) Litotes

2. In Freytag's Pyramid, which stage immediately follows the 'Climax' of a narrative?

- A) Rising Action
- B) Exposition
- C) Falling Action**
- D) Denouement

3. Which term refers to the deliberate omission of conjunctions between a series of related clauses, such as 'I came, I saw, I conquered'?

- A) Polysyndeton
- B) Anaphora
- C) Asyndeton**
- D) Chiasmus

4. What is the term for a story within a story, often used to frame a larger narrative?

- A) Dénouement
- B) Bildungsroman
- C) Diegesis
- D) Mise en abyme**

5. What is a 'spondee' in the context of poetic meter?

- A) A foot consisting of two unstressed syllables
- B) A foot consisting of two stressed syllables**
- C) A foot consisting of an unstressed then a stressed syllable
- D) A foot consisting of a stressed then an unstressed syllable

6. Which narrative perspective involves the narrator knowing the thoughts and feelings of only one character, usually the protagonist?

- A) Third-person objective
- B) Third-person limited**
- C) Third-person omniscient
- D) First-person peripheral

7. What is the 'pathetic fallacy' in literary criticism?

- A) The error of misjudging a character's motives
- B) Attributing human emotions to inanimate objects or nature**
- C) The overuse of tragic elements in a comedy
- D) A logical inconsistency in the plot

8. What does the term 'enjambment' refer to in poetry?

- A) The repetition of vowel sounds
- B) The rhythmic pattern of the poem
- C) The continuation of a sentence without a pause beyond the end of a line**
- D) The use of rhyming couplets at the end of a stanza

9. Which classical rhetorical term describes the appeal to the audience's sense of ethics and credibility?

- A) Pathos
- B) Logos
- C) Ethos**
- D) Kairos

10. What is a 'lipogram' in creative writing?

- A) A poem that mentions no specific nouns
- B) A text written while avoiding a particular letter of the alphabet**
- C) A story consisting only of dialogue
- D) A paragraph containing exactly 100 words

11. What defines an 'epistolary' novel?

- A) A novel written in the form of documents, such as letters or diary entries**
- B) A novel that focuses primarily on the life of an artist
- C) A novel that uses non-linear time
- D) A novel told from the perspective of an animal

12. In terms of dramatic structure, what is a 'deus ex machina'?

- A) A character who reveals the truth at the end
- B) A sudden, implausible resolution to a complex plot**
- C) A long monologue delivered by the villain
- D) The turning point of the hero's journey

13. What is the definition of 'anaphora' in stylistic writing?

- A) The repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses**
- B) The repetition of consonant sounds at the start of words
- C) The reversal of the order of words in two parallel phrases
- D) The use of words that imitate the sound they describe

14. What is the difference between 'assonance' and 'consonance'?

A) Assonance is repetition of vowels; consonance is repetition of consonants

B) Assonance is repetition of consonants; consonance is repetition of vowels

C) Assonance is end rhyme; consonance is internal rhyme

D) Assonance is used in prose; consonance is used in poetry

15. Which term describes the 'unreliable narrator'?

A) A narrator who is clearly insane

B) A narrator whose credibility is compromised

C) A narrator who speaks in the third person

D) A narrator who is unaware of the setting

16. What is a 'kenning' in literature, famously used in works like Beowulf?

A) A short, witty statement

B) A two-word metaphorical name for a familiar thing

C) A reference to a historical event

D) A rhythmic unit consisting of three syllables

17. What is meant by the term 'in media res'?

A) Beginning a story with a flashback

B) Beginning a story in the middle of the action

C) Beginning a story with the conclusion

D) Beginning a story with a dream sequence

18. What is the primary function of a 'caesura' in a line of poetry?

A) To signal the end of a stanza

B) To create a forced pause or break in the middle of a line

C) To rhyme with the previous line

D) To indicate a change in speaker

19. What is 'verisimilitude' in the context of fiction?

A) The appearance of being true or real

B) The exaggeration of reality for comedic effect

C) The use of archaic language

D) The focus on moral instruction

20. Which term refers to the 'climax' in Greek tragedy involving the purification or purging of emotions?

A) Hubris

B) Hamartia

C) Catharsis

D) Peripeteia