English Literature Basics

English Literature · Practice Test · 18 Questions

1. Who wrote the famous play Romeo and Juliet?

A) Charles Dickens
B) William Shakespeare
C) Mark Twain
D) Jane Austen

2. What is a story that is told from the perspective of 'I' called?

A) Third-person limited
B) Omniscient
C) First-person
D) Second-person

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

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

4. In 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer', who is the protagonist?

A) Huckleberry Finn
B) Sid Sawyer
C) Tom Sawyer
D) Aunt Polly

5. What do you call the 'turning point' or highest tension in a story's plot?

A) Exposition
B) Climax
C) Resolution
D) Rising Action

6. Which classic novel by Charles Dickens begins with the quote, 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'?

A) Oliver Twist
B) Great Expectations
C) A Christmas Carol
D) A Tale of Two Cities

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

A) Simile
B) Metaphor
C) Onomatopoeia
D) Alliteration

8. Who is the author of the children's classic 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'?

A) Lewis Carroll
B) J.R.R. Tolkien
C) C.S. Lewis
D) Roald Dahl

9. What is the term for a poem that tells a story?

A) Lyric poem
B) Haiku
C) Narrative poem
D) Free verse

10. In 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone', what is the name of the school Harry attends?

A) Beauxbatons
B) Durmstrang
C) Hogwarts
D) Ilvermorny

11. What part of a plot follows the climax and leads to the resolution?

A) Falling action
B) Exposition
C) Conflict
D) Introduction

12. Which author wrote the mystery novel 'And Then There Were None'?

A) Arthur Conan Doyle
B) Agatha Christie
C) Edgar Allan Poe
D) Stephen King

13. What do you call the conversation between two or more characters in a story?

A) Monologue
B) Narration
C) Dialogue
D) Soliloquy

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14. What is the main message or underlying idea of a literary work called?

A) Plot
B) Setting
C) Theme
D) Characterization

15. In Greek mythology, who is the hero of the epic poem 'The Odyssey'?

A) Achilles
B) Hector
C) Odysseus
D) Perseus

16. Which literary term refers to the time and place in which a story occurs?

A) Context
B) Setting
C) Plot
D) Atmosphere

17. What is an exaggeration used for emphasis or effect?

A) Hyperbole
B) Irony
C) Oxymoron
D) Pun

18. Which book series features the fictional land of Narnia?

A) The Lord of the Rings
B) The Chronicles of Narnia
C) His Dark Materials
D) Harry Potter

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