

Global Poetic Geography

Poetry History And Geography · Practice Test · 12 Questions

1. Which ancient city was the site of the 'Hanging Gardens' and the discovery of the 'Epic of Gilgamesh', one of the world's oldest poetic works?

- A) Babylon
- B) Nineveh
- C) Thebes
- D) Memphis

2. The 'Rubaiyat' of Omar Khayyam is a cornerstone of Persian literature. From which modern-day country did this poetic form originate?

- A) Tajikistan
- B) Uzbekistan
- C) Iran
- D) Afghanistan

3. The 'Haiku' is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Which era of Japanese history saw the elevation of the haikai no renga into the standalone haiku form?

- A) Heian period
- B) Edo period
- C) Kamakura period
- D) Meiji period

4. The 'Kalevala' is the national epic of which nation, compiled from Karelian and Finnish oral folklore in the 19th century?

- A) Estonia
- B) Sweden
- C) Finland
- D) Norway

5. Which famous Chilean poet, known for his 'Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair', served as a diplomat in countries including Burma and Spain?

- A) Gabriela Mistral
- B) Vicente Huidobro
- C) Nicanor Parra
- D) Pablo Neruda

6. The 'Shijing' (Classic of Poetry) is the oldest existing collection of Chinese poetry. Which dynasty period does it predominantly chronicle?

- A) Western Zhou
- B) Tang Dynasty
- C) Han Dynasty
- D) Qin Dynasty

7. Rabindranath Tagore, the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature for his collection 'Gitanjali', hailed from which historical region?

- A) Punjab
- B) Bengal
- C) Gujarat
- D) Maharashtra

8. The 'Poetic Edda', a collection of Old Norse poems, is preserved primarily in which 13th-century Icelandic manuscript?

- A) Codex Regius
- B) Flateyjarbók
- C) Hauksbók
- D) Arnamagnæan Manuscript

9. Which Caribbean island nation is the birthplace of Nobel laureate Derek Walcott, whose epic poem 'Omeros' draws on the geography of the West Indies?

- A) Trinidad and Tobago
- B) Jamaica
- C) Saint Lucia
- D) Barbados

10. The 'Mu'allaqat' are a group of seven prize-winning pre-Islamic Arabic odes. In which geographical location were they traditionally suspended according to legend?

- A) The Kaaba in Mecca
- B) The Great Mosque of Kairouan
- C) The Library of Alexandria
- D) The Citadel of Aleppo

11. The 'Lusiads' (Os Lusíadas) is the national epic of Portugal. Which major geographical maritime feat does the poem celebrate?

- A) Columbus's arrival in the Americas
- B) Vasco da Gama's discovery of the sea route to India
- C) Magellan's circumnavigation
- D) Bartolomeu Dias reaching the Cape of Good Hope

12. Which African nation claims the 'Sundiata Keita' epic, a long oral poetic tradition transmitted by griots regarding the founding of the Mali Empire?

- A) Senegal
- B) Guinea
- C) Mali
- D) Burkina Faso