Advanced Poetic Forms and History

Poetry · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is the specific name for a 14-line poem written in iambic pentameter, typically following an ABAB CDCD EFEF GG rhyme scheme?

A) Villanelle
B) Petrarchan Sonnet
C) Shakespearean Sonnet
D) Sestina

2. Which 19th-century French poet is credited with inventing the prose poem form in his collection 'Le Spleen de Paris'?

A) Charles Baudelaire
B) Arthur Rimbaud
C) Stéphane Mallarmé
D) Paul Verlaine

3. In a villanelle, how many lines are contained in the final stanza?

A) Three
B) Four
C) Five
D) Six

4. A 'terza rima' rhyme scheme, famously used by Dante Alighieri in the Divine Comedy, follows which pattern?

A) AABB
B) ABA BCB CDC
C) ABBA ABBA
D) ABC ABC

5. What is the term for a poetic foot consisting of one unstressed syllable followed by one stressed syllable?

A) Trochee
B) Anapest
C) Iamb
D) Dactyl

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6. Which Japanese poetic form consists of 31 syllables arranged in a 5-7-5-7-7 pattern?

A) Haiku
B) Tanka
C) Renga
D) Sedoka

7. What poetic device involves the repetition of vowel sounds within nearby words without repeating the consonant sounds?

A) Assonance
B) Consonance
C) Sibilance
D) Elision

8. The 'Spenserian stanza' consists of eight lines of iambic pentameter followed by a single line of iambic hexameter, also known as what?

A) Blank verse
B) Free verse
C) Alexandrine
D) Terza rima

9. Which English poet is most famously associated with the 'Ode', specifically the 'Odes of 1819'?

A) Lord Byron
B) Percy Bysshe Shelley
C) John Keats
D) William Wordsworth

10. What is the term for a poem that has no set meter, rhyme scheme, or structure?

A) Blank verse
B) Free verse
C) Doggerel
D) Ballad

11. How many lines are in a 'Sestina', excluding the three-line envoi?

A) 30
B) 36
C) 39
D) 42

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12. Which movement in early 20th-century poetry emphasized precision in imagery and clear, sharp language?

A) Symbolism
B) Imagism
C) Surrealism
D) Romanticism

13. 'Blank verse' is poetry written in unrhymed lines of which specific meter?

A) Trochaic tetrameter
B) Iambic pentameter
C) Dactylic hexameter
D) Anapestic trimeter

14. What is a 'caesura' in a line of poetry?

A) A grammatical pause or break
B) The final rhyming word
C) A shift in tone
D) The repetition of an initial sound

15. Who is the author of the epic poem 'Paradise Lost', written in blank verse?

A) John Donne
B) John Milton
C) Alexander Pope
D) Samuel Taylor Coleridge

16. A 'ghazal' is a poetic form originating from which region?

A) Ancient Greece
B) Medieval Europe
C) Arabic and Persian traditions
D) Pre-Columbian Americas

17. What is a 'quatrain'?

A) A five-line poem
B) A stanza consisting of exactly four lines
C) A poem about nature
D) A rhyme scheme involving triplets

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18. Which term refers to the continuation of a sentence without a pause beyond the end of a line, couplet, or stanza?

A) Enjambment
B) Hyperbaton
C) Anaphora
D) Epistrophe

19. In Greek tragedy, the 'strophe' and 'antistrophe' were movements performed by the chorus; what is the third part of this structure called?

A) Epode
B) Chorus
C) Prologue
D) Exodus

20. The 'ballad' stanza is typically a quatrain with which rhyme scheme?

A) AAAA
B) AABB
C) ABAB
D) ABBA