

Exam: 986827RR - Lesson 4
Poetry, Part 1

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Questions 1 to 20: Select the best answer to each question. Note that a question and its answers may be split across a page break, so be sure that you have seen the *entire* question and *all* the answers before choosing an answer.

1. What is the most probable reason that rhyme and repetition first found their ways into poems?
A. They were written for the upper class.
B. People wanted a beat they could dance to.
C. The poems were easier to remember and pass on.
D. Heroes in epics tended to talk that way.
2. When a poet wishes to use figurative language, he or she will use words that are
A. ambiguous.
B. only denotative.
C. both connotative and denotative.
D. only connotative.
3. During the Romantic period, poets placed an emphasis on
A. hierarchy.
B. order.
C. nature.
D. discipline.
4. The line "I wandered lonely as a cloud" is an example of
A. a simile.
B. alliteration.
C. a metaphor.
D. a couplet.
5. Scan this line from Cowley's poem: "its hills bent low within my reach." How many feet does this line contain?
A. 4
B. 6
C. 5
D. 7

6. A definition of formal poetry is verse that

- A.** is written in blank verse.
- B.** uses figurative language.
- C.** has no rhyme scheme.
- D.** sticks to certain traditional patterns.

7. Which one of the following words is an iamb?

- A.** Rachel
- B.** JoAnne
- C.** Sally
- D.** Alice

8. Which line best illustrates alliteration?

- A.** Precision slices narrow corridors of contentment
- B.** And sings a solitary song
- C.** Cluck and pluck gave Hattie luck
- D.** Thus Henry wrested gain from despair

9. The way Cowley uses the phrase "my own country" is an example of

- A.** simile.
- B.** consonance.
- C.** personification.
- D.** repetition.

10. Which one of the following phrases is an example of consonance?

- A.** From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be
- B.** Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines
- C.** River birch and upland beech
- D.** Drink to me only with thine eyes

11. Which one of the poems you've read has the rhyme scheme AA BB CC . . . ?

- A.** "The Long Voyage"
- B.** "Trees"
- C.** "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"
- D.** "Let Me Not to the Marriage of True Minds"

12. Notable poets have attempted to define poetry. Among these efforts, the idea that poetry is an ancient technology came from

- A.** Robert Frost.
- B.** Maya Angelou.
- C.** Billy Collins.
- D.** Robert Pinsky.

13. As we find with most songs, in poetry

- A.** meanings are hidden in imprecise words.
- B.** each couplet must rhyme.
- C.** sound and content have equal weight.
- D.** there's no specific point of view.

14. Among early epic poems, _____ is the story of a man who searches out a beloved friend in the land of the dead.

- A.** *Beowulf*
- B.** *Gilgamesh*
- C.** *The Odyssey*
- D.** *The Iliad*

15. The rhyme scheme of Shakespeare' s sonnets is

- A.** ABCD ABCD ABCD GG.
- B.** AABB CCDD EEFF GG.
- C.** ABAB CDCD EFEF GG.
- D.** ABBA CDDC EFFE GG.

16. Which of these lines contains a metaphor?

- A.** Now is your final hour.
- B.** Like unto death was her countenance.
- C.** She offered him a hundred-watt smile.
- D.** You are like a sun to me.

17. In "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?" Shakespeare claims that the object of his sonnet will be immortal because

- A.** he'll always love her.
- B.** she's like the summer's day.
- C.** she's for all seasons.
- D.** she'll live on in his poem.

18. "Let Me Not to the Marriage of True Minds" is an example of which type of poem?

- A.** Narrative
- B.** Dramatic
- C.** Discursive
- D.** Descriptive

19. The final two lines of Shakespeare's "Shall I Compare Thee to a Summer's Day?" promises the subject of his sonnet

- A.** unfading youth.
- B.** an endless summer.

C. undying devotion.

D. immortality.

20. Values of a Romantic poet include

A. nature and individualism.

B. order and authority.

C. law and tradition.

D. community and civilization.

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