

ENGLISH  
PAPER – II

Note : This paper contains fifty (50) multiple-choice questions, each question carrying two (2) marks. Attempt all of them.

1. In Langlands' Piers the Plowman, Piers appears finally as :  
(A) Charity (B) The Holy Trinity  
(C) Jesus (D) The Good Samaritan
2. It is decided that each Canterbury pilgrim would tell in all :  
(A) One story (B) Two stories  
(C) Three stories (D) Four stories
3. Venus and Adonis is a long narrative poem by :  
(A) Shakespeare (B) Marlowe  
(C) Drayton (D) Sydney
4. The total number of poems in Shakespeare's Sonnets :  
(A) 123 (B) 142  
(C) 104 (D) 154
5. Which of the following plays has a Machiavellean hero ?  
(A) Tamburlaine Part I (B) Dr. Faustus  
(C) Jew of Malta (D) Edward II
6. Which of the following is written by Samuel Butler ?  
(A) Religio Laici (B) David Simple  
(C) Hudibras (D) Journal of the Plague Year
7. Which of the following poems did Milton write in Octosyllabic Couplets ?  
(A) L'Allegro  
(B) "On His Blindness"  
(C) "On the Late Massacre in Piedmont"  
(D) Lycidas
8. Which of the following plays is not written by Congreve ?  
(A) The way of the World (B) The Old Bachelor  
(C) Love for Love (D) The Relapse

9. Dryden's All For Love is an adaptation of :
- (A) Philaster (B) Romeo and Juliet  
(C) Antony and Cleopatra (D) Edward II
10. Which of the following books proposes a political theory ?
- (A) Principia (B) Leviathan  
(C) Anatomy of Melancholy (D) Liberty of Propheying
11. Which of the following books is written by a woman ?
- (A) A Vindication of the Rights of Women  
(B) Social Contract  
(C) A Treatise of Human Nature  
(D) The Wealth of Nations
12. Which of the following books by Jonathan Swift is a religious allegory ?
- (A) The Battle of the Books (B) A Modest Proposal  
(C) Gulliver's Travels (D) A Tale of a Tub
13. Which of the following is a "Visionary" work by William Blake ?
- (A) The Song of Los (B) Songs of Experience  
(C) Poetical Sketches (D) The Vision of the Daughters of Albion
14. Pope's An Essay on Man is based on the ideas of :
- (A) Lord Petrie (B) Theobald  
(C) Lord Bolingbroke (D) Lord Harvey
15. Which of the following works by Johnson is an imitation of the tenth satire of Juvenal ?
- (A) London (B) Vanity of Human Wishes  
(C) The Life of Savage (D) Rasselas
16. The final version of Wordsworth's The Prelude appeared in :
- (A) 1798 (B) 1806  
(C) 1850 (D) 1860
17. "To Suffer woes which Hope thinks infinite" is written by :
- (A) Shelley (B) Wordsworth  
(C) Keats (D) Byron

18. "A thing of beauty is a joy for ever" occurs in :
- (A) "Ode on a Grecian Urn" (B) "Ode to Autumn"  
(C) "Ode to Psyche" (D) "Endymion"
19. Which of the following novels is a satire on the Gothic novel ?
- (A) Pride and Prejudice (B) Emma  
(C) Sense and Sensibility (D) Northanger Abbey
20. Who distinguished between "the literature of Knowledge" and "the literature of power" ?
- (A) Coleridge (B) De Quincey  
(C) Hazlitt (D) Lamb
21. Who among the following Victorian poets is the most sensitive to the conflict between the old and the new ?
- (A) Tennyson (B) Rossetti  
(C) Browning (D) Swinburne
22. Under the Greenwood Tree is written by :
- (A) Mrs. Gaskell (B) George Eliot  
(C) Thomas Hardy (D) Emily Bronte
23. The Office of Circumlocution occurs in :
- (A) David Copperfield (B) Bleak House  
(C) Great Expectations (D) Hard Times
24. The novel Mary Barton is written by :
- (A) Mrs. Gaskell (B) George Eliot  
(C) Emily Bronte (D) Dickens
25. The line "Poetry is a criticism of life" occurs in :
- (A) Culture and Anarchy (B) Modern Painters  
(C) The Study of Poetry (D) Sartor Resartus
26. Martha Quest was written by :
- (A) Jean Rhys (B) Doris Lessing  
(C) Iris Murdoch (D) Nadine Gordimer

27. The term "Stream of Consciousness" was taken from the book :
- (A) The Human Mind (B) The Principles of Psychology  
(C) The Mind of Man (D) Modes of Human Behaviour
28. G.S. Fraser's The Golden Bough focusses on :
- (A) Images (B) Metaphors  
(C) Symbols (D) Archetypes
29. Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman relies for its tragic seriousness on the fate of :
- (A) Willy Loman (B) Estragon  
(C) Vladimir (D) Lucky
30. The character Leopold Bloom makes an appearance in the novel :
- (A) The Sound and the Fury (B) Ulysses  
(C) To the Lighthouse (D) The Europeans
31. Who of the following authors represents the Sri Lankan diaspora ?
- (A) Cyril Dabydeen (B) Michael Ondaatje  
(C) Arnold H. Itwaru (D) M.G. Vassanji
32. Australian aborigines receive a sympathetic treatment in :
- (A) Les Murray (B) Gwen Harwood  
(C) Judith Wright (D) A.D. Hope
33. Margaret Atwood's Survival makes a case for :
- (A) Canadian literary studies  
(B) Canadian nationalism  
(C) The future of Canadian literature  
(D) The past of Canadian literature
34. V.S. Naipaul's latest book is :
- (A) The Mystic Masseur (B) A Bend in the River  
(C) Among the Believers (D) Half a Life

35. Which of the following books by Salman Rushdie refers to the 15th Century Spain as a starting point ?
- (A) Haroun and the Sea of Stories  
(B) The Moor's Last Sigh  
(C) Shame  
(D) Grimus
36. Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf is written by :
- (A) Arthur Miller (B) Eugene O Neil  
(C) Edward Albee (D) Tennessee Williams
37. Imamu Amiri Baraka is :
- (A) A Caribbean writer (B) An American writer  
(C) An Arab writer (D) A Sri Lankan writer
38. The Miscellany was published from :
- (A) Sahitya Akademi (B) The Writers Workshop  
(C) PEN (D) Dhwanalok
39. Who of the following writers celebrates the life of the Yoruba/Ibo community ?
- (A) Derek Walcott (B) Wole Soyinka  
(C) Chinua Achebe (D) Okot
40. Who of the following White female authors are sympathetic to the cause of the Blacks ?
- (A) Margaret Drabble (B) Nadine Gordimer  
(C) Munia Park (D) Jean Rhys
41. New Criticism considers text as a :
- (A) Cultural construct (B) Historical construct  
(C) Linguistic construct (D) Autotelic
42. Mythologies was written by :
- (A) Roland Barthes (B) Jacques Derrida  
(C) Homi K. Bhabha (D) Ernest Dowson

43. The word "Catharsis" signifies :
- (A) Pontification (B) Personification  
(C) Purgation (D) Publication
44. The rejection of "Universalism" is a mark of :
- (A) Deconstruction (B) New Historicism  
(C) Structuralism (D) Postcolonial criticism
45. Eliot's theory of "objective correlative" appeared in his essay entitled :
- (A) Three voices of Poetry (B) Tradition and the Individual Talent  
(C) The Metaphysical Poets (D) Hamlet
46. Sprung Rhythm is an example of :
- (A) Verse (B) Syllable  
(C) Stress (D) Measure
47. "More is thy due than more than all can pay" is an example of :
- (A) Weak - ending (B) Inversion  
(C) Alexandrine (D) Extra Syllable
48. Unrhymed metrical composition consisting of five iambic measures in each line is called :
- (A) Rhyme royal (B) Run-on-lines  
(C) Blank verse (D) Spenserian stanza
49. Verse stories dealing with chivalry, Knight, errantry, enchantments, and love are known as :
- (A) The epic (B) The ballad  
(C) The fable (D) The metrical romances
50. "He is a citizen of no mean city" is an example of :
- (A) Periphrasis (B) Tautology  
(C) Prolepsis (D) Litotes

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