

LITERATURE – IN  
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2010-2018

JAMB Past Questions  
And Answers

# UTME 2010 LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH QUESTIONS

1. Which literature in English Question Paper Type is given to you?
  - A. Type A
  - B. Type B
  - C. Type C
  - D. Type D

## Questions 2 to 5 are based on J.C. De Graft's Sons and Daughters

2. „I simply don't understand what's the matter with everybody today. Everybody let me down, and the speaker above is referring to\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Fosuwa and Mayservant
  - B. Hannah and George
  - C. Aaron and Maanan
  - D. Lawyer B and Mrs. B
3. Maanan expresses dislike for Lawyer B because of\_\_\_\_.
  - A. his condemnation of her choice of career
  - B. his recent advances towards her
  - C. the betrayal of her father's trust
  - D. the betrayal of his wife's trust.
4. The traditional order in the play is represented by\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Mrs. B
  - B. Hannah
  - C. Maanan
  - D. Aunt
5. Where does the play take place?
  - A. On the street
  - B. In George's place
  - C. In Aunt's house
  - D. In Ofosu's place.

## Questions 6 to 10 based on William Shakes ear's Romeo and Juliet

6. 'O' deadly sin!O rude unthankfulness! Thy fault our law calls death, but the kind Prince, Taking thy part, hath rushed aside the law And turned that black word...' Deadly sin refers to the\_\_\_\_.

- A. suicide of Juliet
  - B. suicide of Romeo
  - C. murder of Paris
  - D. murder of TybaIt
7. The play is mostly written in\_\_\_\_.
    - A. blank verse
    - B. free verse
    - C. metres
    - D. foot.
  8. '**O' serpent heart, hid with a flowering face!**' The statement above refers to \_\_\_\_
    - A. Juliet
    - B. Romeo
    - C. Tybalt
    - D. Benvolio.
  9. The spatial setting of the play is\_\_\_\_.
    - A. Athens
    - B. Verona
    - C. Padua
    - D. Venice
  10. Romeo is banished to Mantua because he\_\_\_\_.
    - A. kills Tybalt in a street duel
    - B. marries Juliet without parental consent
    - C. attends Capulet's party uninvited
    - D. attempts to kill paris his rival.**

## Questions 11 to 13 are based on Buchi Emecheta's The Joys of Motherhood.

11. In the novel, the society puts high value on\_\_\_\_.
  - A. egalitarianism
  - B. male ascendancy
  - C. procreation
  - D. gender equity.
12. The medicine man links the lump discovered on the head of Nnu Ego at birth, to the\_\_\_\_.
  - A. possession of physical admirable qualities that makes her an epitome of perfection.
  - B. wound inflicted on the slave woman buried with Agbadi's wife

- C. coming back of the Agunwa to the society to live again
- D. ill-luck and tragic events attributed to a predestined fate

13. The constant companions of Nnaife's family are\_\_\_.
- A. togetherness and happiness
  - B. poverty and hunger
  - C. sickness and joblessness
  - D. disagreement and humiliation

**Questions 14 to 16 are based on Ferdinand Oyono's The Old Man and the Medal.**

14. The disagreement between Mvondo and Nti centres on the latter's claim to have \_\_\_.
- A. assisted Meka in getting the medal
  - B. eaten the entire entrails of a sheep
  - C. eaten more than his share of the food
  - D. been in a white man's office
15. Meka can be best be described as\_\_\_.
- A. an egocentric old man
  - B. a simple-hearted old man
  - C. an impulsive old man
  - D. an old religious bigot
16. In the novel, the colonialists treat the Africans with\_\_\_.
- A. Kids' gloves
  - B. disdain
  - C. indifference
  - D. honour

**Questions 17 to 20 are based on George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-four**

17. The Ministry of peace is concerned with making \_\_.
- A. instruments
  - B. weapons
  - C. wars
  - D. reconciliation

18. The subject matter of the novel is\_\_\_.

- A. totalitarian dictatorship
- B. exploitation and cruelty
- C. retributive justice
- D. class segregation.

19. How did Winston start his rebellion against the state\_\_\_.
- A. By engaging in anti-party activities
  - B. By keeping a private diary
  - C. When he started a secret affair
  - D. When he spied on the party.
20. The party seeks power for\_\_\_.
- A. the nation
  - B. its own sake
  - C. its members
  - D. peoples' sake

**Questions 21 to 30 are based on selected poems from Ker, D. et al (eds.) New Poetry from African; Soyinka, (ed.) Poems of Black Africa; Senanu K.E. and Vincent T. (eds.): A selection of African Poetry; Umukoro, M et al (eds.) Exam Focus: literature in English; Eruvbetine, A.E. et al (eds.): Longman Examination Guides and Nwoga, D. I. (ed): West African Verse.**

21. As the dancers move through paths strewn with glass chips, the images in Adeoti's Naked Soles change from\_\_\_.
- A. joy to excitement
  - B. inaction to action
  - C. pain to grief
  - D. sorrow to joy.
22. Rubadiris's **An African Thunderstorm**, says that during thunderstorm in the village
- A. women cook their food
  - B. children play in the rain
  - C. children are delighted while women move in and out
  - D. both women and children are delighted.
23. **'Yet in their finger upon Our navel  
The midwives of the spirit say  
They feel a foetal throb.**

- The dominant literary device used in the extract above from Acquah's **In the Navel of the Soul** is A. epigram  
 B. allegory  
 C. enjambment  
 D. rhythm.
24. In Kunene's **A heritage of Liberation**, the poet persona requests that the weapons of warfare be handed to their\_\_\_\_.  
 A. friends  
 B. relations  
 C. grand children  
 D. families
25. The predominant device in Launke's **End of the War** is\_\_\_\_.  
 A. onomatopoeia  
 B. antithesis  
 C. oxymoron  
 D. paradox
26. The theme of the poem **Give Me The Minstrel's Seat** centres on \_\_\_\_  
 A. divorce  
 B. fortune  
 C. marriage  
 D. companionship.
27. The poet persona in Marvell's **To His Coy Mistress** is willing to praise the lady's eyes for  
 A. thirty thousand years  
 B. six decades  
 C. two centuries  
 D. a century.
28. In Lawrence's **Bat**, the poet persona mistakes the bats for  
 A. owls  
 B. swallows  
 C. pipistrello  
 D. sparrows
29. In Eliot's **Journey of the Magi**, the magi are aided on their journey by  
 A. donkeys  
 B. horses  
 C. camels  
 D. chariots.
30. According to Cope's Sonnet VII, poetry is basically .  
 A. boring  
 B. therapeutic  
 C. philosophical  
 D. inspiring
- Questions 31 to 40 are based on General Literary Principles.**
31. A play which mainly aims at provoking excessive laughter is called  
 A. tragi-comedy  
 B. comedy  
 C. a farce  
 D. D. satire.
32. Both comedy and tragedy have\_\_\_\_.  
 A. happy ending  
 B. climax  
 C. tragic hero  
 D. stanza
33. A formal dignified speech or writing praising a person or a thing for past or present deeds is  
 A. premiere  
 B. eulogy  
 C. anthology  
 D. lampoon
34. The narrative style in which the hero tells his own story directly is the .  
 A. objective  
 B. subjective  
 C. first- person  
 D. third-person.
35. The physical, historical or cultural background of a literary work is referred to as  
 A. episode  
 B. plot  
 C. time  
 D. setting
36. A plot structure that defies chronology can be described as  
 A. open-ended  
 B. circular  
 C. episodic  
 D. organic
37. Pun as a literary device deals with  
 A. placing two opposite phrases  
 B. placing words side by side

- C. playing on words
- D. arrangement of words

38. In a narrative poem, the poet attempts to
- A. summarize a story
  - B. describe a place
  - C. preach a sermon
  - D. tell a story
39. The account of experiences of an individual during the course of a journey is known as
- A. a travelogue
  - B. an autobiography
  - C. a catalogue
  - D. a memoir
40. Satirical writing employs \_.
- A. epigram
  - B. synecdoche
  - C. irony
  - D. onomatopoeia.

**Questions 41 to 50 are based on Literary Appreciation.**

Use the quotation below to answer questions 41 and 42.

41. „**Basha: You dumb skull of a bone head . . . you will face court martial for this. You look everywhere? You search inside toilet bowl? Wole Soyinka: King Baabu**  
The person being addressed above is a
- A. soldier
  - B. student
  - C. domestic servant
  - D. lawyer
42. From the tone of the speech above, the speaker is obviously
- A. enraged
  - B. lackadaisical
  - C. elated
  - D. happy.
43. 'That year the harvest was sad, like a funeral, and many farmers wept as they dug up the miserable yams. One man tied his cloth to a tree branch and hanged himself'. **Chinua Achebe: Things Fall Apart**

The mood conveyed in the excerpt above is one of

- A. sadness
  - B. frustration
  - C. sympathy
  - D. dilemma.
44. **'That age is best which is the first, when youth and blood are warmer, But being spent, the worse, and worst Time still succeed the former.**  
The rhyme scheme in the excerpt above is
- A. bbaa
  - B. aabb
  - C. abab
  - D. abba.
45. **But the towering earth was tired sitting in one position. She moved, suddenly, and the houses crumbled, the mountains heaved horribly, and the work of a million years was lost.**  
The subject matter of the extract above is
- A. storm
  - B. sea waves
  - C. house movement
  - D. earthquake.
46. **And your laughter like a flame piercing the shadows Has revealed Africa to me beyond the snow of yesterday.**  
From the poem above, shadow means
- A. famine
  - B. bleak future
  - C. period of sufferings
  - D. abstract ideas.
47. **Don't panic. Be calm, If you are some how upset ...try to regain your exposure.**  
The speaker in the excerpt above is
- A. hopeless
  - B. uncertain
  - C. afraid
  - D. confident.

**Use the lines below to answer questions 48 and 49.**

48. **Move him into the sun Gently its touch  
awoke him once, At home, whispering of fields unsown  
Always it woke him even in France Until this morning  
and this snow If anything might rouse him now  
This kind old sun will know Think how it wakes the seeds  
Woke, once, the clays of a cold star Are limbs, so dear  
achieved, are sides Full nerved still swarm too hard to stir  
Was it, for this the clay grew tall? O what made fatuous  
sunbeams toil To break earth's sleep at all.**

The poem can be described as

- A. a lyric
- B. an epic
- C. a sonnet
- D. an elegy.

49. The theme of the poem is

- A. futility of life
- B. distortion of life
- C. creation of life
- D. vanity of life

50. **A cursing rogue with a merry farce,  
A bundle of rags upon a crutch,  
Stumbled upon that windy place  
Called cruachan, and it was as much.**

The rhyme scheme of the stanza above is

- A. aabb
- B. abab
- C. bbaa
- D. abba.

1. A
2. A
3. B
4. D
5. D
6. D
7. B
8. B
9. B
10. A
11. C
- 12. D**
- 13. B**
- 14. C**
- 15. D**
- 16. B**
- 17. D**
- 18. B**
- 19. A**
- 20. B**
- 21. D**
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- 28. A**
- 29. C**
- 30. B**
- 31. C**
- 32. B**
- 33. B**
- 34. C**
- 35. D**
- 36. D**
- 37. C**
- 38. D**
- 39. A**
- 40. C**
- 41. A**
- 42. A**
- 43. A**
- 44. C**
- 45. D**
- 46. D**
- 47. D**
- 48. C**
- 49. A**

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2. From it's resolution of conflicts, the play can be described as
  - A. tragedy
  - B. comedy
  - C. farce
  - D. melodrama
3. The prevailing theme of the play is ----
  - A. love
  - B. affluence
  - C. social decadence
  - D. self-will
4. The final harassment of Maanan takes place in
  - A. Ofosu's office
  - B. Lawyer B's house
  - C. Lawyer B's chamber
  - D. Ofosu's house
5. 'Everything in this room outrages my sense of beauty, undermines my will to create pictures of lasting appeal. ' The speaker in the quotation above is
  - A. happy
  - B. frustrated
  - C. excited
  - D. tired

## Question 6 to 10 are based on William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

6. 'Farewell – God knows when we shall meet again. I have a faint cold fear thrills through my veins,  
That almost freezes up the heat of lie. I'll call them back again to comfort me.  
Nurse! – What

**should she do here? My dismal scene I need act alone. Come, vial'.**

The intention of the speaker above is to

- A. commit
  - B. suicide
  - C. take a temporary harmful substance
  - D. escape from harsh realities of life
7. The play reaches the point of denouncement
    - A. at the family feast
    - B. when Romeo kills Paris at the tomb
    - C. at the reconciliation of the feuding families.
    - D. when Romeo is informed of Juliet's death
  8. The news of Juliet's death is broken to Romeo in Mantua by
    - A. Balthasar
    - B. Friar Lawrence
    - C. Boy
    - D. Friar John
  9. In the play, Mercutio can be described as
    - A. fraudulent
    - B. quarrelsome
    - C. gentle
    - D. kind-hearted
  10. The plot of the play is
    - A. simple
    - B. complicated
    - C. convoluted
    - D. chronological

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11. The heavy downpour on the night of Meka's investiture symbolizes
  - A. revelation
  - B. mockery
  - C. conviction
  - D. blessing
12. Vanderlayer's attitude and action towards Meka illustrates the church's
  - A. despondency
  - B. suspicion



- C. infuriation
- D. hypocrisy

13. *'As he opened and shut his mouth his lower jaw went down and came up, puffing up and then deflating the skin under his chin.'*

The subject of description in the lines above is

- A. the high commissioner
- B. M. Pipiniakis
- C. the white chief
- D. M. Fouconi

**Questions 14 to 16 are based on Buchi Emecheta's *The Joy of Motherhood*.**

14. For attempted murder, Nnaife was jailed for

- A. four months
- B. three months
- C. five months
- D. two months

15. In the novel, Nwokocha Agbadi is famous for his oratorical powers and

- A. height
- B. treachery
- C. illiteracy
- D. wealth

16. In the novel, the handing over of a baby boy in a dream to Nnu Ego by her personal god signifies

- A. reincarnation
- B. future blessing
- C. idol worship
- D. doom

**Questions 17 to 20 are based on George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four***

17. The novel draws a picture of

- A. a useless past
- B. a totalitarian future
- C. an unstable moment
- D. a peaceful atmosphere

18. The power and oppression of an irresistible evil debased Winston's dreams of .

- A. freedom and democracy
- B. internal security

- C. wealth and capitalism
- D. sovereignty

19. Room 101 symbolizes a place of

- A. rest
- B. fun
- C. humiliation
- D. tour

20. The novel can be described as

- A. optimistic
- B. antagonistic
- C. persuasive
- D. pessimistic

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21. In *Naked Soles*, Adeoti writes that the carnival of naked soles dances through

- A. scorching sun
- B. a dirty room
- C. blooming thorns
- D. a cloudy atmosphere

**22.** In Rubadiri's **An African Thunderstorm**, the thunderstorm begins with

- A. rain from the west
- B. clouds from the east
- C. rain from the east
- D. clouds from the west

23. The theme of Acquah's **In the Navel of the Soul** is

- A. the conflict of traditions
- B. ensuring that traditions were strictly observed
- C. the futility of man and his tradition
- D. the strength in diversity of culture and traditional views.

24. In Kuene's **A Heritage of Liberation**, the persona is concerned with the
- A. people's struggle for survival
  - B. criticism of modern tradition
  - C. intolerance of the new generation
  - D. celebration of African tradition.
  - E. tradition.
25. Lanko's **End of the War** portrays the
- A. silence of
  - B. usefulness of praise singers
  - C. irony of life
  - D. arrangement of war
26. *'Woman cannot exist except by man, What is there in that to vex some of them so?'* The statement above from the poem Give Me The Minstrel's Seat exemplifies
- A. litotes
  - B. rhetorical question
  - C. transferred epithet
  - D. synecdoche
27. Marvell, in To His Co Mistress uses the imagery of Coy death to
- A. appreciate God's power
  - B. underscore life's transience
  - C. condemn the lady
  - D. scare the lady
28. To sustain the interest of readers, Lawrence in **Bat** uses
- A. elision
  - B. hyperbole
  - C. suspense
  - D. oxymoron
29. *'With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness. And three trees on the low sky.'* • In the excerpt above from Eliot's Journey on the Magi, the dominant literary device is
- A. oxymoron
  - B. personification
  - C. hyperbole
  - D. alliteration
30. The tone of Cope's Sonnet VII is generally

- A. persuasive
- B. humorous
- C. optimistic
- D. mournful

**Questions 31 to 40 are based on  
General Literary Principles.**

31. The large space above the proscenium in a theatre from which the scenes are controlled is called
- A. aside
  - B. setting
  - C. anachronism
  - D. flies
32. **'Good warriors make others come to them and do not go to others When you induce opponents to come to you, then their force is always empty, like attacking emptiness with fullness is throwing on eggs.'** Zhang Yu: **The Art of War.**  
The theme of the passage above is
- A. folly of soldiers
  - B. inspiration
  - C. spurring people to action
  - D. war
33. The repetition of single words or phrases at the beginning of lines is
- A. assonance
  - B. parallelism
  - C. onomatopoeia
  - D. alliteration
34. A ballad is meant to be
- A. acted
  - B. sung
  - C. discussed
  - D. read
35. In drama, dramaturge is he who
- A. writes or edits plays
  - B. feature in a play
  - C. directs a play
  - D. acts a film.
36. Travelogue is a work of art written
- A. by a famous playwright

- B. before the death of the author
  - C. by an unpopular novelist
  - D. on a journey
37. Plays are basically meant to
- A. change the world
  - B. keep people out of trouble
  - C. be ready for pleasure
  - D. be presented on stage
38. A character who re-enacts familiar experiences that Leaders easily identify with is
- A. round character
  - B. flat character
  - C. stock character
  - D. static character
39. The plot of a story generally refers to the
- A. intrigue made by a character against the hero
  - B. way the writer ends the story
  - C. way in which the events of the story are organised
  - D. way in which the writer begins the story
40. The metric pattern in a line of poetry with five stressed and five unstressed syllables is
- A. trochaic decametre
  - B. dactylic metre
  - C. iambic pentameter
  - D. anapaestic metre

**Question 41 to 50 are based on literary Appreciation.**

41. Theseus: **Now, fair Hippolyta, our nuptial hour.**

**Draws on space four happy days bring in. Another moon. But O, me thinks how slow This old moon wanes, she lingers my desires, Like to a step-dame or a dowager,**

**Long withering out a young man's revenue.**

*William Shakespear. A midsummer Night's Dream* The literary devices used in the excerpt above are

- A. personification and simile
  - B. irony and suspense
  - C. alliteration and synecdoche
  - D. rhyme and refrain.
42. **'You are the silent code of pleasure locked in wordless wonder. You are the hive of treasure, no**

**dragon can plunder'** Gbemisola Adeoti  
:Dream Code.

The excerpt above achieves its rhetorical effect through the use of

- A. repetition and meiosis
- B. metaphor and rhyme
- C. caesura and hyperbole
- D. alliteration and irony

**43. It was not yet closing time, but already most staff were trooping out of their offices. The lift was working now and he squeezed himself into it, breathing with difficulty the body odour emitted by one of the passengers. He sighed with relief when they got to the ground floor and tumbled out of the lift.'**

Ken Saro-Wiwa: **A Forest of Flowers**

In the excerpt above, the subject's experience in the lift is ▲

- A. timely.
- B. comfortable.
- C. unpleasant
- D. amusing

**44. 'Do not thank me, instead, let me ask you one question, Now you have all come here sprawling vomiting, rubbing tears on one another begging me to do my duty and help you. But what about you yourselves? What have you done to help yourselves? Answer. Or is the land at peace? Are not people ailing and dying?'**

Ola Rotimi: **The Gods Are Not To Blame**

In the excerpt above, the land is not at peace because of

- A. chieftaincy tussle
- B. famine and war
- C. political unrest
- D. sickness and death

**45. 'In those days. When civilization kicked us in the face, when holy water slapped brows. The vultures built in the shadow of their talons.'** David Diop: **The Vulture**

The dominant literary device used in the lines above is

- A. pun
- B. metaphor
- C. personification

D. simile

46. I am not afraid of anything; he told them. I have done almost everything in this world. I have you can think of an been committed all c y jailed for most of them. I have been in prison more hours than I have been out of it within the last five years.

In recounting his criminal life, the speaker's tone is

- A. regretful
- B. boastful
- C. subdued
- D. repentant

47. 'I have said too much unto a heart of stone, And laid my honour too unchary on it', There's something in me that reproves my fault,. But such a headstrong potent fault it is That it but mocks reproof.' William Shakespeare: **Twelfth Night**

A *heart of stone* in the lines above is an example of

- A. metonymy
- B. litotes
- C. assonance
- D. metaphor

48. 'Blood was prove no solace to the king. The rejection he had suffered at Idama's hands pushed his spirit into a comfortless hole in which, alone with himself, he searched in vain for ways to run from his inner emptiness.' Ayi Kwei Armah:

**Two Thousand Seasons**

The narrator's attitude to the king is one of

- A. envy
- B. sympathy
- C. suspicion
- D. contempt

49. 'Homage to Peregede the triumphant mother of morning radiant in Chameleon's velvet. Let today's dawn bring on its rails trains of good tidings.'

Gbemisola Adeoti: **Salutation to the gods**

The excerpt above is an example of

- A. invocation
- B. limerick
- C. ode
- D. elegy

50. The wood decay, the woods decay and fall, The vapour weep their burthen to the ground, Man comes and fills the field and lies beneath, And after many a summer dies the swan. The subject matter of the lines above is

- A. death
- B. rainfall
- C. famine
- D. storm

**ANSWER  
KEYS**

- 1. D
- 2. B
- 3. D
- 4. D
- 5. B
- 6. B
- 7. C
- 8. A
- 9. B
- 10. D
- 11. B
- 12. D
- 13. D
- 14. A
- 15. D
- 16.

- 17. B
- 18. A
- 19. A
- 20. D
- 21. A
- 22. C
- 23. D
- 24. D
- 25. D
- 26. C
- 27. B
- 28. B
- 29. C
- 30. B
- 31. B
- 32. D
- 33. B
- 34. B

- 34. B
- 35. A
- 36. D
- 37. D
- 38. A
- 39. C
- 40. C
- 41. A
- 42. C
- 43. C
- 44. D
- 45. C
- 46. B
- 47. D
- 48. D
- 49. A
- 50. A



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The lines above suggest that the tragedy in the play

1. Which Question Paper Type of Literature-in- English as indicated above is given to you?
  - A. Type Green
  - B. Type Purple
  - C. Type Red
  - D. Type Yellow

**Question 2 to 5 are based on J.C. De Graft's *Sons and Daughters*.**

2. Who is the paternal aunt to Aaron and Maanan?
  - A. Mrs Bonu
  - B. Hannah
  - C. Fosuwa
  - D. Adwao
3. From the play, George is a
  - A. laboratory assistant
  - B. pharmacist
  - C. nurse
  - D. medical doctor

**Use the quotation below to answer questions 1 and**

**5. 'If you touch me, I shall smash your face with this bottle.'**

4. "If you touch me, I shall smash your face with this bottle"  
The statement is made by
  - A. Manaana to lawyer B
  - B. Manaana to Mrs Bonu
  - C. James to Awere
  - D. Awere to Aaron
5. The issue at stake is that
  - A. Maanan is trying to compromise
  - B. Lawyer B is trying to kiss Maanan
  - C. James sees Awere as a bad influence
  - D. Mrs Bonu is taunting Maanan for loving her husband

**Questions 6 to 10 are based on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet***

6. "From forth the fatal loins of these two foes A pair of star-crossed lovers take their life..."

- A. could have been averted
- B. is predestined
- C. is brought on enmity
- D. brought misfortune on the lovers

- C. prayer
- D. celebration

7. **O she doth teach the torches to burn bright! It seems she hangs upon the cheek of night**

**A rich jewel in an Ethiop's ear."**

From the lines above, Juliet's beauty is presented

- A. in contrast to the dark night
  - B. as a source of envy to all
  - C. in terms of riches
  - D. as being outstanding
8. "The all-seeing sun, Ne'er saw match since first the world begun."  
The lines above were spoken by
- A. Count Paris in praise of Juliet
  - B. Romeo in praise of Juliet
  - C. Romeo in praise of Roseline
  - D. Lady Capulet in praise of Roseline
9. The major role of Mercutio in the play is to
- A. serve as a contrast to Romeo
  - B. aid and abet Romeo's passion
  - C. annoy Tybalt
  - D. accompany Romeo to Friar Lawrence
10. The play shares the feature of classical tragedy through the use of
- A. violence on stage
  - B. chorus
  - C. comic relief
  - D. flashback

**Questions 11 to 13 are based on Ferdinand Oyono's *The Old Man and the Medal*.**

11. **"Meka, kneeling down in his usual fashion with his behind up in the air. Kelara knelt down beside him. Amalia and her husband knelt down as well."**

The actions of Meka, Kelara, Amalia and her husband signify

- A. parade
- B. dance

12. "He had knocked his toes against so many things that he had no toenails anymore and the yaws he had suffered from his youth had twisted his toes up so that they pointed to the sky"

The description above is in reference to the foot of

- A. Kelara
- B. Meka
- C. Egamba
- D. Mvondo

13. "They said their prayers in a monotonous sing-song, kneeling on their bamboo bed like camels waiting to be loaded."

The dominant figure of speech in the excerpt above is

- A. rhetorical question
- B. simile
- C. metaphor
- D. mixed metaphor

**Questions 14 to 16 are based on Buchi Emecheta's *The joy of Motherhood*.**

14. As a symbol of material success and fulfilment, Ibuzza community places a lot of importance on
- A. childbirth
  - B. wealth
  - C. male child
  - D. female child
15. Ona on her dying bed appeals to Agbadi to
- A. give her a befitting burial
  - B. take good care of her children
  - C. take another wife
  - D. allow Nnu Ego marry a man of her choice
16. The little money Nnaife makes after returning from Fernando PO is used for
- A. expanding Nnu Ego's business
  - B. taking care of his family
  - C. sending his children to school
  - D. getting more wives

**Questions 14 to 16 are based on George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.**

17. The novel is mainly classified as a
- A. metaphor
  - B. hyperbole
  - C. satire

D. fiction

18. Winston writes that the hope of the country lies on the
- A. ministry of the truth
  - B. proles
  - C. party
  - D. children
19. In the novel, two minutes hate is a programme designed for
- A. parents
  - B. thought police
  - C. the community
  - D. children
20. To drop his philosophy of life and imbibe the tenets of the party, Winston is subjected to all forms of torture and inhuman treatment by
- A. O'Brien
  - B. thought police
  - C. Big Brother
  - D. Goldstein

**Questions 21 to 30 are based on selected poems from Johnson, R, et al (eds.): *New Poetry from Africa*; Soyinka, W. (ED.): *Poems of Black Africa*; Senanu, K.E. and Vincent, T. (eds.): *A Selection of African Poetry*; U. Maduka, C.T et al: *Exam Focus: Longman Examination Guides*; Nwoga, D.I. (ed.): *West African Verse and Adeoti G: Naked Soles*.**

21. The movement in Adeoti's **Naked Soles** is characterized by
- A. hope and agreement
  - B. freedom and self-determination
  - C. pricks and tears
  - D. disappointed and disarray
22. One of the dominant themes if Rubadin's **An African Thunderstorm** is the
- A. relationship between man and woman
  - B. activities of man during rainy seasons
  - C. effect of rain on women and children
  - D. problem of climate change
23. In Kunene's **A Heritage of Liberation**, the weapons are to be preserved for the generation yet unborn by the
- A. gods
  - B. elders
  - C. people

D. government

24. **Give Me The Minstrel's Seat** ends on a clarion call for
- A. freedom
  - B. peace
  - C. rectitude
  - D. commitment

25. "**...the youthful hue/sits on thy skin like a morning dew...**"

The excerpt above from Marvell's *To His Coy Mistress* is an example of

- A. simile
- B. anaphora
- C. paradox
- D. onomatopoeia

26. In Lawrence's **Bat**, the poet compares bats with
- A. sparrows
  - B. swans
  - C. swallows
  - D. crows

27. Elliot's **The Journey of the Magi** could be said to examine the issues of
- A. three trees on the low sky
  - B. empty wine-skins
  - C. spiritual rebirth
  - D. holy pilgrimage

28. "**We would be believing we dreamt it**"

The figure of speech in the line above from Acquah's *In the Navel of the Soul* is

- A. apostrophe
- B. assonance
- C. antithesis
- D. alliteration

29. The casualties in Launke's **End of the War**

- A. women
- B. children
- C. men
- D. soldiers

30. The theme of Cope's *Sonnet VII* is

- A. art of poetry
- B. adventure
- C. contempt for literature
- D. isolation

**Questions 31 to 40 are based on general Literary Principles.**

31. A literary work in which the characters and events are used as symbols is known as
- A. characterization
  - B. allegory
  - C. metaphor
  - D. parallelism
32. Characterization in a novel refers to the
- A. writer's opinion of the characters
  - B. way the characters are revealed to the reader
  - C. characters and the way they behave
  - D. reader's opinion of the characters
33. In literary work, verbal irony refers to a
- A. device in which the speaker means the opposite of what he says
  - B. situation in which a character speaks or acts against the trend of events
  - C. difficult situation which defies a logical or rational resolution
  - D. device in which the actor on stage means exactly what he says
34. In the theater, words spoken by a character that are meant to be heard by the audience but not by the other characters on stage is called
- A. aside
  - B. soliloquy
  - C. acoustic
  - D. tone
35. Drama is the representation of a complete series of actions by means of
- A. movement and gesture for the screen and audience
  - B. speech, movement and gesture for the stage only
  - C. speech, movement and gesture for the stage, screen and radio
  - D. speech, gesture and movement for the screen and radio
36. A poet's use of regular rhythm is known as
- A. allegory
  - B. assonance
  - C. metre
  - D. onomatopoeia
37. A literary genre which directly imitates human action is
- A. drama

- B. comedy
- C. prose
- D. poetry

- C. abab
- D. baba

38. A fable is a story in which
- A. allegations are made about characters
  - B. animals or things are used as characters
  - C. there is an important setting
  - D. the story is told in poetic form
39. The juxtaposition of two contrasting ideas in a line of poetry is
- A. euphemism
  - B. synecdoche
  - C. catharsis
  - D. oxymoron
40. The main aim of caricature is to
- A. describe
  - B. expose
  - C. emphasize
  - D. ridicule

**Questions 41 to 50 are based on Literary Appreciation**

41. **O! Ceremony, show me but thy worth  
What is thy soul of adoration**  
The figure of speech in the lines above is
- A. antithesis
  - B. invocation
  - C. personification
  - D. apostrophe
42. **"What eyes will watch our large mouths,  
Shaped by the laughter of big children  
What eyes will watch our large mouths?"**  
Birage Diop: **Vanity**  
The tone of the lines above is one of
- A. sarcasm
  - B. sacrilege
  - C. chiasmus
  - D. eulogy
43. **The old man slept in his favourite  
chair The wind ran its fingers  
through his hair He looked like a  
tree gone dry of sap And his hands  
were dry upon his lap** The rhyme a scheme of the poem above is
- A. bbaa
  - B. aabb

**44. Unequal laws unto a savage race, That board, and sleep, and feed....**

- The lines above show that the speaker
- A. detects discrimination
  - B. is desirous of adventure
  - C. hates his old wife
  - D. knows much of his city men

**45 How can I look at Oyo and say I hate long shiny cars? How can I come to the children and despise international schools? And Koomson comes, and the family sees Jesus Christ in him....**

- The feeling conveyed by the speaker above is one of
- A. anger
  - B. alienation
  - C. hope
  - D. despair

**46. "Hide me now, when night children haunt the earth"** Wole Soyinka: **Night**

- Night children in the stanza above reflects the consciousness of
- A. birds
  - B. armed robbers
  - C. animals
  - D. spirit beings

**47. "Serrated shadows, through dark leaves, Til, bathed in warm suffusion of your dapped cells Sensation pained me, faceless, silent as night thieves."**

- Wole Soyinka: **Night**  
The dominant mood in the lines above is one of
- A. apprehension
  - B. defiance
  - C. joy
  - D. indifference

**48. "The drums overwhelmed the guns"** J.P

- Clark:  
**Casualties**  
The poet in the excerpt above uses
- A. litotes
  - B. symbolism
  - C. onomatopoeia
  - D. alliteration

**49. ' They do not see the funeral piles  
At home eating up the forests '**

J.P. Clark: **Casualties**

The imagery created in the above excerpt is achieved through

- A. metaphor
- B. personification
- C. synecdoche
- D. metonym

50. "I cannot rest from travel: I will drink  
Life to the lees, all times I have enjoyed  
Greatly, have suffered greatly"

A.L. Tennyson: **Ulysses**

The lines above inform the reader that the poet

- A. is determined to suffer
- B. has his poetic imagination kindled
- C. will cure his sour mood
- D. will not drink much

ANSWER

KEYS

1. B
2. C
3. D
4. A
5. B
6. B
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. C
11. C
12. B
13. B
14. A
15. D
16. D
17. C
18. A
19. C
20. A
21. B
22. A
23. A
24. D
25. A
26. A
27. C
28. D
29. D
30. A
31. B
32. C
33. A
34. A
35. B
36. C
37. A
38. B
39. D
40. D
41. D
42. A
43. B
44. A
45. A
46. D
47. A
48. C
49. A
50. B

# UTME 2013 LITERATURE-IN-ENGLISH QUESTIONS

1. Which Question Paper Type of Literature-in- English is given to you?
- A. Type B
  - B. Type I
  - C. Type B
  - D. Type U

**Questions 2 to 5 are based on J.C. De Graft's Sons and Daughters.**

**Use the excerpt below to answer questions 2 and 3.**

**James: Let me swear, woman. And I will swear by my father's coffin that if....**

2. The lines depict James as a
- A. traditionalist
  - B. Christian
  - C. pagan
  - D. Muslim
3. The speaker is referring to
- A. Fosuwa
  - B. Awere
  - C. Maanan
  - D. Hannah
4. **Aaron' .All I need really is a place in an Art school, engineering can go hang itself.** The dominant figure of speech in the excerpt above is
- A. metonymy
  - B. synecdoche
  - C. personification
  - D. metaphor
5. From the play, the character of Aaron represents the
- A. painters
  - B. art work
  - C. new generation
  - D. old generation
6. **'Uncle, this is a Montague, our foe; A villain that is hither come in spite, To scorn at our solemnity this night.'**  
The villain in the excerpt above is

- A. attempting to steal
- B. attending a feast uninvited
- C. engaging in a shouty match
- D. holding a sword to commit murder

7. **"What, drawn and talk of peace? I hate the word As I hate hell, all Montagues, and thee Have at thee,coward!"**

Based on William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, the lines above reveal the speaker as a

- A. violence seeker
- B. peace maker
- C. real Montague
- D. trouble shooter

8. Romeo's mood, at the beginning of the play can be described as
- A. melancholic and sentimental
  - B. dreamy and hopeful
  - C. frustrated and pensive
  - D. gay and elated

9. **"O'deadly sin! O rude unthankfulness! Thy fault our law calls death, but the kind Prince, taking thy part, hath rushed aside the law, And turned that black word "death" to banishment."**

The speaker in the passage above is

- A. Lord Montague
- B. Friar Lawrence
- C. Apothecary
- D. Lord Capulet

10. **" .. Put up thy sword Or manage it to part these men with me."**  
The speech above was made when
- A. Tybalt challenges Romeo to duel
  - B. Prince Escalus arrives to make peace between the families
  - C. Romeo and Paris engaged themselves in a fight
  - D. Benvolio tries to separate the servants of the feuding families

**Questions 11 to 13 are based on Ferdinand Oyono's the Old Man and the Medal**

11. For his sacrifices to the church, Meka gets
- A. appointed into the church elders' council
  - B. the privilege to choose a permanent place to sit



- C. a place near an aged leper
- D. a land to build a new house

12. **"Since I came to this country, I have never seen cocoa as well dried as yours."**

- The speaker above is
- A. Nkolo
  - B. the Commandant
  - C. the Catechist
  - D. Nua

13. To the white men, the medal that is given symbolizes
- A. harmonious relationship
  - B. love
  - C. peace
  - D. friendship

**Questions 14 to 16 are based on Buchi Emecheta's The Joy of Motherhood.**

14. Nnu Ego is blamed for the misfortunes of her
- A. parents
  - B. husband
  - C. siblings
  - D. children
15. According to the novel Nnaife becomes frustrated when
- A. Oshiaju secures a scholarship to study abroad
  - B. he is arrested and charged for attempted murder of his in-law
  - C. his wife gives birth to female twins
  - D. he is recruited into the army
16. Adaku remains faithful to Nnaife until she
- A. starts keeping unnecessary friends
  - B. is unable to give birth to a male child
  - C. is rebuked by the Ibuza society for abusing Nnu Ego
  - D. becomes rich and powerful

**Questions 17 to 20 are based on George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-four**

17. The Ministry of Love is concerned with
- A. peace and freedom
  - B. torture and pain
  - C. joy and peace
  - D. hatred and pain
18. The instruments of power and torture belong to
- A. the government

- B. the party
- C. the thought police
- D. individuals

19. The action in the novel is built around
- A. Winston Smith
  - B. O'Brien
  - C. Julia
  - D. Big Brother
20. Winston Smith works in the Record Department of the Ministry of
- A. love
  - B. truth
  - C. peace
  - D. plenty

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21. The dominant poetic technique employed in Adeoti's **Naked Soles** is
- A. zeugma
  - B. oxymoron
  - C. hyperbole
  - D. onomatopoeia
22. Rubadiri's **An African Thunderstorm** can be described as
- A. didactic
  - B. dramatic
  - C. traditional
  - D. satirical
23. **"Since it was you who in all these thin seasons."** The device employed in the line above from Kunene's **The Heritage of Liberation**, is an example of
- A. apostrophe
  - B. allusion
  - C. anecdote
  - D. aside

24. **"Let me ask for what reason or rhyme women refuse to marry?"**

D. difficult

**Woman cannot exist except by man,  
what is there in that to vex some of them**

**so?** The lines above from Give Me The  
Minstrel's Seat is an example of

- A. pathetic fallacy
- B. chiasmus
- C. ironical statement
- D. rhetorical question

**25. 'Time winged chariot'**

The line above from Marvell's **To His Coy  
Mistress**

depicts

- A. how fast time flies
- B. the usefulness of time
- C. the measurement of time
- D. how fast events unfold

**26. Lawrence's Bat** opens with the description of  
the

- A. scene
- B. creatures
- C. bats
- D. scenery

**27. The theme of Eliot's The Journey of Magi** is

- A. quest for salvation
- B. escape from persecution
- C. nature
- D. journey

**28. Acquah's In The Navel of the Soul** describes  
the

- A. lack of experienced midwives in the society
- B. excesses of the new generation churches  
and politicians
- C. complications of motherhood and child  
bearing
- D. conflict between the church and tradition

**29. "Listen...they will tell you...**

**to beat drums is mere children's  
play, the adult's is to start  
echoes...**

The lines above from Launkos' End of the  
War, enhance the ----

- A. rhyme of the poem
- B. rhythm of the poem
- C. language of the poem
- D. use of imagery

**30. The language OF Cope's Sonnet VII** past  
event in a literary work is

- A. complicated
- B. simple
- C. poetic complicated

**Question 31 to 40 are based on  
General literacy Principles**

31. A device used by a writer to recall past event in a literary work is
- A. interlude
  - B. anti-climax
  - C. flashback
  - D. foreshadowing
32. A paragraph in prose is equivalent to a
- A. trope in poetry
  - B. verse in poetry
  - C. stanza in poetry
  - D. meter in poetry
33. A fable is a brief narrative illustrating wisdom and
- A. urgency
  - B. origin
  - C. custom
  - D. truth
34. A device used in poetry to achieve emphasis or stress a point is known as
- A. rhyme
  - B. assonance
  - C. repetition
  - D. alliteration
35. A literary work that ridicules the shortcomings of people or ideas is
- A. a masque
  - B. a satire
  - C. an irony
  - D. a fable
36. The figure of speech in which the writer means the exact opposite of what he intends to say is
- A. satire
  - B. irony
  - C. paradox
  - D. metaphor
37. Action without speech in a play is
- A. soliloquy
  - B. aside
  - C. epilogue
  - D. mime
38. A literary work that teaches moral is said to be
- A. impressive

- B. didactic
- C. instructive
- D. corrective

39. A mistake committed by the hero which leads to his downfall is known as
- A. comic relief
  - B. terse
  - C. climax
  - D. tragic flaw
40. The speech made by a character to himself on stage is
- A. monologue
  - B. epilogue
  - C. aside
  - D. soliloquy

**Question is based on Literary Appreciation.**

41. **"Women as a clam, on the sea's crescent  
I saw your jealous eye quench the sea's  
Fluorescence, dance on the pulse  
incessant.** Wole Soyinka: Night  
The lines above suggest that women are
- A. magicians
  - B. covetous
  - C. dogmatic
  - D. seers

**Use the quotation below to answer question 42 and 43.**

**"Busy old fool  
Unruly sun  
Why dost thou thus  
Through windows**

**And through curtains  
Call on us?"**

J. Donne: **The Sun Rising**

42. The excerpts above suggests
- A. praise of nature
  - B. invitation to the sun
  - C. welcoming the sun
  - D. indictment of the sun
43. The figure of speech involved in the lines above is
- A. simile
  - B. personification
  - C. epigram

**Use the quotation below to answer questions 44 and 45.**

**Will no one tell me what she sings  
perhaps the plaintive numbers flow  
for old, unhappy, far off things  
And battles long ago.  
Or is it some more humble lay,  
Familiar matter of today?**

44. The lines above show that the persona
- A. does not understand the girl's language
  - B. is so much in love with the girl
  - C. so hates the words of the girl
  - D. understands the girl's songs
45. The line end in a literary device known as
- A. transferred epithet
  - B. rhetorical question
  - C. Irony
  - D. conceit

46. **Oh incomprehensible God!  
Shall my pilot be  
My inborn stars to that  
Final call to thee...**

The literary device used in the first line is

- A. passion
  - B. apostrophe
  - C. burlesque
  - D. rhetoric
47. **"Busy old fool, unruly sun,  
Why dost thou thus."  
J. Donne: The Sun Rising**  
From the lines above, the poet sees the  
sun as
- A. a necessary evil
  - B. a light provider
  - C. illumination after darkness
  - D. an unnecessary evil

**Use the quotation below to answer questions 48 and 49.**

**The body perishes, the heart stays young.  
The platter wears away with serving food.  
No log retains its bark when old,  
No lover peaceful while the rival weeps.**

48. The theme of the poem above is

D. pun

A. permanence of love  
B. decaying nature of wood

- C. non-peaceful nature of love
- D. diminishing nature of love

49. "No lover peaceful while the rival weeps" means that
- A. there is true and permanent love
  - B. the two lovers weep together
  - C. the pain of one lover is felt by the other
  - D. there is no permanent love

50. **"Will college make you a better Olokun priest?"**

**Will it make you serve our ancestors better?  
Look at me. An able-bodied, strong-hearted  
priest  
of Olokun. Did I go to college?"**

Grace Osifo: **Dizzy Angel**

The literary device used in the passage above is

- A. simile
- B. parallelism
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. metaphor

ANSWER

KEYS

1. D
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. C
6. B
7. D
8. C
9. A
10. D
11. A
12. B
13. D
14. D
15. C
16. A
17. A
18. A
19. A
20. A
21. D
22. C
23. A
24. D
25. A

30. A
31. C
32. C
33. D
34. C
35. B
36. B
37. D
38. B
39. D
40. A
41. B
42. D
43. B
44. B
45. B
46. B
47. A
48. A
49. C
50. D

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1. Which Question Paper Type of Literature-in- English is given to you?
  - A. Type F
  - B. Type S
  - C. Type L
  - D. Type S

## Questions 2 to 5 are based on Femi Osofisan's Women of Owu

2. In the play, the gods are portrayed as
  - A. helpless
  - B. architects of man's destiny
  - C. amorous
  - D. saviours of mankind
3. Orisaye describes Balogun Kusa as
  - A. a great warrior
  - B. an enemy and a butcher
  - C. a friend in need
  - D. a good leader
4. Erelu is
  - A. the oldest wife of the Oba Akinjobi
  - B. a courtier to the Alaafin of Oyo
  - C. the most brilliant woman in Owu
  - D. the first wife of the Oba
5. Balogun Kusa is killed by a
  - A. god
  - B. herbalist
  - C. lunatic
  - D. soldier

## Questions 6 to 10 are based on William Shakespeare's The Tempest.

6. In the play, Ariel is identified as
  - A. leader of the spirits
  - B. Prospero's daughter
  - C. Alonso's wife
  - D. assistant to Sycorax
7. Before the shipwreck that occurs at the beginning of the play, Prospero and his daughter have lived in the Island for

- A. two decades
- B. twelve years
- C. forty days
- D. eighteen months.

8. Caliban's intention to rape Miranda is born out of the desire to
  - A. destroy the Island
  - B. compete with Ferdinand
  - C. populate the Island with Calibans
  - D. marry her.
9. The character associated with savagery in the play is
  - A. Ariel
  - B. Stephano
  - C. Caliban
  - D. Ferdinand
10. Prospero is portrayed as a man who is
  - A. full of mistrust for everybody
  - B. more interested in studying than in governance
  - C. dependent on the spirits for his survival
  - D. eager to conquer the world

## Questions 11 to 13 are based on Asare Konadu's A Woman in Her Prime.

11. The novel explores the theme of
  - A. exploitation of the African woman
  - B. sex discrimination in Ghana
  - C. women liberation in Nigeria
  - D. child quest of an African woman
12. According to the novel, the worst calamity that can befall a woman is
  - A. inability to bear male
  - B. inability to marry
  - C. divorce children
  - D. barrenness.
13. In the novel, Asogo is a game in which
  - A. fathers narrate animal stories
  - B. boys abuse girls with music
  - C. girls sing songs of praise admonition
  - D. mothers lure their babies to sleep



**Questions 14 to 16 are based on  
Chimamanda Adiechie's Purple  
Hibiscus**

14. In the novel, one of the changes introduced into St. Agnes' church by Father is that
- A. there must be fasting every month
  - B. the Credo must be recited in Igbo
  - C. the Kyrie must be rendered only in Latin
  - D. everyone must take holy communion
15. Eugene Achike in the novel is portrayed as
- A. a soft and gentle husband
  - B. an uncompromising traditionalist
  - C. a fanatical Catholic adherent
  - D. a tough retired soldier.
16. In the Achike family, the character who is central to the theme is
- A. Kambili
  - B. Mama
  - C. Sisi
  - D. Jaja

**Questions 17 to 20 are based on  
Ernest Hemingway's The Old Man  
and the Sea.**

17. In the novel, the type of fish caught by Santiago after days of effort is
- A. shark
  - B. iris
  - C. marlin
  - D. geisha
18. The novel demonstrates the
- A. attempt to catch fish
  - B. desire to understand life
  - C. influence of the sea on man
  - D. struggle of man against-defeat
19. In the novel, the attitude of the old man toward nature is quite
- A. cautious and sceptical
  - B. hostile and callous
  - C. careless and indifferent
  - D. warm and friendly.
20. Santiago's second dream occurs
- A. the night before his fishing expedition
  - B. in his house
  - C. at the end of the book

D. when he sleeps on the boat for a few hours.

**Questions 21 to 30 are based on Selected Poems from Ker, D. et al (eds.) *New Poetry from Africa*; Soyinka, (ed.): *Poems of Black Africa*; Senanu K.E. and Vincent, T. (eds.): *A Selection of African Poetry*; Umukoro, M et al (eds.): *Exam Focus: Literature in English*; Ernubetine, A.E. et al (eds.): *Longman Examination Guides and Nwoga, D.1. (ed): West African Verse.***

21. The dominant image in Adeoti's *Hard Lines* is
- A. auditory
  - B. gustatory
  - C. isual
  - D. tactile.
22. The tone of Umeh's *Ambassadors of Poverty* can be described as
- A. metaphorical
  - B. sarcastic
  - C. admonitory
  - D. panegyric
23. Owonibi's *Homeless, not Hopeless*, the persona explains that street beggars
- A. always worry about heaven
  - B. rarely sleep and dream
  - C. attend conferences in towns
  - D. are concerned with their daily needs.
24. Cheney-Coker's *Myopia* is a
- A. dirge
  - B. lament
  - C. sonnet
  - D. ballad
25. Jared Angira is an African poet from
- A. Sierra-Leone
  - B. Kenya
  - C. South Africa
  - D. Ghana.
26. The dominant technique used in *Serenade* is
- A. metaphor
  - B. simile
  - C. oxymoron
  - D. apostrophe
27. The sun in Donne's *The Sun Rising* is depicted through the use of

- A. invocation
  - B. ellipsis
  - C. enjambment
  - D. apostrophe
28. In Raleigh's **The Soul's Errand**, the soul is portrayed as a
- A. friend of suffering masses
  - B. fearless message-bearer
  - C. restorer of lost glory
  - D. messenger of hope and peace.
29. The allusion in Hughes's **The Negro Speaks of Rivers** is mainly
- A. biblical
  - B. historical
  - C. classical
  - D. literary
30. Fletcher's **Upon An Honest Man's Fortune** encourages people to
- A. condemn soothsaying
  - B. move in the direction of God
  - C. accept soothsaying
  - D. accept life as it is.

**Questions 31 to 40 are based on General Literary Principles**

31. An action in a play that stimulates the audience to pity a character is
- A. pathos
  - B. parody
  - C. pyrrhic
  - D. props
32. Purgation of emotion, pity and fear is
- A. epilogue
  - B. exposition
  - C. catharsis
  - D. catastrophe
33. A device in drama where a character speaks alone is
- A. apostrophe
  - B. dialogue
  - C. soliloquy
  - D. aside
34. A plot in a literary work is about
- A. resolution of conflicts
  - B. law of poetic justice

- C. character delineation
  - D. causal arrangement of events
35. Tone and mood of a poem refer to
- A. setting
  - B. space
  - C. locale
  - D. atmosphere
36. A funny incident within a serious situation is
- A. tragicomedy
  - B. tragic hero
  - C. comedy
  - D. comic relief
37. In literature, a flat character can be described as one who
- A. dies abruptly
  - B. achieves greatness
  - C. is undeveloped
  - D. undergoes changes
38. Dramatis personae in a play refers to
- A. cast list
  - B. protagonist and antagonist
  - C. list of characters
  - D. order of appearance
39. The speech made at the end of a dramatic performance is generally called
- A. a dirge
  - B. a monologue
  - C. a prologue.
  - D. an epilogue
40. Which of the following is central to narrative fiction?
- A. Objectivity
  - B. Subjectivity
  - C. Verisimilitude
  - D. Dialogue

**Questions 41 to 50 are based on Literary Appreciation.**

41. He put himself in uniform, made one for his five- year-old son, and marched with the infant from dawn till noon every market day, on the main road singing `Kayiwawa beturi...  
The persona in the excerpt above is portrayed as
- A. energetic

- B. a policeman  
C. a soldier  
D. abnormal
42. He is a faithful liar  
The above is an example of  
A. epigram  
B. oxymoron  
C. euphemism  
D. antithesis
43. Fights by the book of arithmetic  
The figure of speech in the line above is  
A. hyperbole  
B. Euphemism  
C. Litotes  
D. Innuendo
44. And when you trudge on one horny pads  
Gullied like the soles of modern shoes Pads  
that even jiggers cannot conquer  
Horny pads in the lines above is a reference to a  
A. policeman  
B. madman  
C. sole of a pauper  
D. sole of a soldier.
45. 'Lift not the painted veil which those who live  
call life: though unreal shapes be picture  
there, And it but mimic all we would believe  
With colours idly spread-behind, lurk fear.'  
P.B Shelley: **Sonnet** ▲ The stanza above is  
an example of a  
A. quatrain  
B. sonnet  
C. couplet  
D. sestet
- C. grasshoppers  
D. light opera
48. The most dominant figure of speech in the  
excerpt is  
A. metaphor  
B. simile  
C. personification  
D. hyperbole
49. You  
Your head is like a drum that is beaten  
for spirits. You  
Your ears are like the fans used for blowing  
fire. The lines above are a good example of  
A. caricature  
B. ridicule  
C. satire  
D. lampoon
50. **'This thing you are doing is too heavy for  
you, he said. I went to school only a little  
but I have killed many many more years in  
this world than you have'. G. Okara: The  
voice**  
It can be inferred from the passage above that the  
A. listener is wise  
B. speaker is a porter  
C. listener is more experienced  
E. speaker is more experienced.

**Use the following excerpt to answer  
questions 46 to 48.**

'I wonder how long, you awful parasites,  
shall share with me this little bed, And  
awake me, from my sweet dreams be lost,  
sucking blood from my poor head...' By  
Mbure: To a Bed-Bug

46. The lines are an example of a  
A. limerick  
B. lampoon  
C. light verse  
D. light opera
47. The poet persona expresses dismay about  
A. bat  
B. cockroaches

ANSWER  
KEYS

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|-------|-------|
| 1. D  | 25. A |
| 2. B  | 26. D |
| 3. B  | 27. D |
| 4. A  | 28. B |
| 5. C  | 29. A |
| 6. A  | 30. D |
| 7. D  | 31. A |
| 8. D  | 32. C |
| 9. C  | 33. C |
| 10. A | 34. D |
| 11. A | 35. D |
| 12. D | 36. D |
| 13. D | 37. C |
| 14. B | 38. C |
| 15. C | 39. D |
| 16. A | 40. D |
| 17. C | 41. D |
| 18. D | 42. B |
| 19. A | 43. D |
| 20. D | 44. C |
| 21. C | 45. A |
| 22. C | 46. A |
| 23. D | 47. B |
| 24. B | 48. C |
|       | 49. D |
|       | 50. D |

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- 'Busy old fool, unruly sun why windows and through curtains call on us?'** The most vivid figure of speech in the lines above from Donne's *The Sun Rising* is
  - simile
  - diction
  - personification
  - pun
- The allusion in Hughes's *The Negro Speaks of Rivers* is mainly
  - biblical
  - classical
  - literary
  - historical
- In Adeoti's *Hard Lines, Sodium cyanide* is
  - poisonous
  - adhesive
  - sweet
  - fragrant
- In owonibi's *Honiless, not Hopeless* the persona explains that street beggars
  - Always worry about in heaven
  - Attend conferences towns
  - are concerned with their daily needs
  - Rarely sleep and dream
- The poet persona in *Serenade* is a
  - Suitor
  - Mother
  - spinster
  - Passer-by
- In Cheney-Coker's *Myopia*, peasants refer to
  - Under-privileged masses
  - Politicians
  - farmers
  - Rural dwellers
- In Angira's *Expelled*, the poet persona laments the
  - Loss of his property
  - Harrowing experiences from the stranger's visit
  - presence of the strangers
  - Problem of his family and their economic implications
- Fletcher's Upon An Honest Man's Fortune* achieves its lyrical effect through the use of
  - Synecdoche
  - Antithesis
  - enjambment
  - Ballad
- Rhythm is achieved in Raleigh's *The Soul's Errand* through the use of
  - Metaphor
  - Alliteration
  - repetition
  - Antithesis
- The title of Ume's *Ambassador of Poverty* is
  - Repetition
  - A simile
  - an alliteration
  - An irony
- The repetition of a consonant sound in quick succession for sound effect is
  - Alliteration
  - Pun
  - onomatopoeia
  - Assonance
- A play in which the acts succeed one another without probable or necessary sequence is
  - Episodic
  - Simple
  - linear
  - Convolutd
- A technique by which a previous scene or action can be recalled in a play to shed light on the present action is
  - Climax
  - Flashback
  - interlude
  - Catharsis
- Criticism is a literary activity which seeks to

- A. Find faults in a literary work  
 B. Analyse and evaluate a literary work  
 C. compare and contrast novels  
 D. Discover the beauty of a literary work
15. A situation where an actor addresses the audience without the other actors hearing him is called  
 A. Soliloquy  
 B. Chorus  
 C. aside  
 D. Solo
16. A band of singers and dancers in drama who act as a link between the play and the audience is the  
 A. Chorus  
 B. Clown  
 C. Playwright  
 D. Cast
17. A character whose name is used as the title of the text is  
 A. Antagonist  
 B. Round  
 C. eponymous  
 D. Flat
18. In poetry, the term license implies  
 A. Freedom to sell poems  
 B. Liberty the poets take with language  
 C. approval given to poets to compose poems  
 D. Honour given to deserving poets
19. The person who takes the leading role in a play or novel is the  
 A. Protagonist  
 B. Actor  
 C. antagonist  
 D. Actress
20. A form of writing in which the poet writes with nostalgia about simple village life is  
 A. Ballad  
 B. Romance  
 C. epic  
 D. pastoral
21. „**We all make decisions. Sometimes it is wrong, sometimes it is right.**’ The speaker in the lines above is  
 A. Afraid  
 B. Excited  
 C. pessimistic  
 D. Reassuring
22. **’Her neck is rope-like thin, long and skinny and her face sickly pale.’** Okot p’ Bitek: *Song of Lawino*. The style used in the lines is  
 A. Narrative  
 B. Argumentative  
 C. dramatic  
 D. Descriptive
23. **’once upon a time son, they used to laugh with their eyes; but now they only laugh with their teeth, while their ice-block-cold eyes search behind my shadow’** G. Okara: *Once upon a time*. The lines above are expressive of  
 A. Friendliness  
 B. Insincerity  
 C. jealousy  
 D. Sympathy
24. **’when she opens her heart the savior’s image!’** Traditional: *Love Song*. The allusion in the lines above shows  
 A. That the poet is a Christian  
 B. That his love had a heart surgery  
 C. the climax of love relationship  
 D. the anti-climax of love relationship
25. **’Ay, your times were fine times indeed you have been telling us of them for many a long year. Here we live in an old rumbling mansion, that looks for all the world like an inn, but we never see company.’** Goldsmith: *She Stoops to Conquer*. The figure of speech in the world like an inn is  
 A. Irony  
 B. Euphemism  
 C. simile  
 D. Metaphor

26. **'She gave out colanuts and together they ate to appease the angry earth and amadioha spoke through lightning and thunder.'** The figure of speech in the third line above is
- Personification
  - Simile
  - hyperbole
  - Metaphor
27. **'Ay, your times were fine times indeed you have been telling us of them for many a long year. Here we live in an old rumbling mansion, that looks for all the world like an inn, but we never see company.'**  
Goldsmith: *She Stoops to Conquer*. The figure of speech in the world like an inn is
- hopeful
  - frustrated
  - regretful
  - Happy
28. **'Her neck is rope-like thin, long and skinny and her face sickly pale.'** Okot p' Bitek: *Song of Lawino*. The style used in the lines is
- Ridicule
  - admonition
  - anger
  - sympathy
29. **'„Ah. sunflower, weary of time who contests the steps of the sun seeking after that sweet golden clime where the travellers' Journey is done.'** The figure of speech in the second line above is
- Simile
  - metaphor
  - irony
  - Hyperbole
30. **'„There is no art to find the minds construction on the face he was a gentleman on whom I built an absolute trust.'** Shakespeare: *Macbeth*, The gentleman in the lines above
- Annoys the speaker
  - fights with the speaker
  - detests the speaker
  - Betrays the speaker
31. The flourishing fish market in the novel Is located In
- St. Louis
  - Canary Island
  - Cleveland
  - Havana
32. In summary, the old man can be described as
- A Marxist
  - an idealist
  - an optimist
  - A realist
33. As he struggled with fish and the sharks, the old man constantly talks to himself because
- He is afraid of the sea
  - that is what all fishermen do
  - it will make the sharks leave
  - The boy has left him
34. To the old man, mandolin is
- A symbol of oppression
  - the cause of the ill-luck
  - a source of encouragement
  - Typical of lazy youths
35. The subject matter of the novel is
- Domestic violence
  - religious zeal
  - child abuse
  - Marital infidelity
36. In the Achike family, the character who is central to the theme is
- Kambili
  - mama
  - sisi
  - Jaja
37. The novel exposes
- Military dictatorship
  - the travails of a single girl
  - what happens in a family with a high-handed father
  - The problem of running a large family in an urban society



38. **'A priest rushed forward and poured libation,... Having thus appealed to the keeper of the spirit world, they waited for results. Moments passed before the bearers could move again.'** The incident is the
- Sacrifice to make pokuwaa pregnant
  - burial of Yaw Boakye
  - search for Yaw Boakye
  - Search for the missing black hen
39. According to the medicine man, pokuwaa has miscarriage because
- Kwadwo often beats her
  - she is barren from birth
  - her mother does not offer thanksgiving sacrifice
  - Kwaswo's mother is a powerful witch
40. **'A priest rushed forward and poured libation... Having thus appealed to the keeper of the spirit world, they waited for results. Moments passed before the bearers could move again.'** The incident narrated above takes place
- On the way to the stream
  - at the market place
  - close to the cemetery
  - At the village square
41. The central theme of the play is
- Man and nature
  - heaven and earth
  - sin and forgiveness
  - Slow and steady
42. In the play, Prospero leaves his Dukedom of Milan to devote his time to the pursuit of
- Magic
  - knowledge
  - romance
  - Recreation
43. Prospero's sense of justice is one sided because
- While he is angry with Antonio, he enslaves Ariel and Caliban
  - he wants his back, so he can rule again
  - he sees his usurpation from oneside
  - He is unfair to Miranda
44. An idea that recurs in the play is
- People's love for power
  - people's love for money
  - development of the Island
  - Love at first sight
45. Gonzalo in the play is
- Antonio's brother
  - a Milan Senator
  - a Neapolitan Councillor
  - Sebastian's co-conspirator
46. In the play, the gods are portrayed as
- Saviours of mankind
  - architects of man's destiny
  - helpless
  - Amorous
47. In the play, Osofisan shows that war
- Is destructive
  - is injurious to the gods
  - builds human society
  - Must be fought with patriotic zeal
48. Orisaye insists that she receives revelations from
- Sango
  - Ogun
  - Orunmila
  - Obatala
49. In the play, a General of the Allied Forces is
- Okunade
  - Erelu
  - Akinjobi
  - Anlugbus
50. In the play, Oba Asunkungbade is the
- War leader of Ijebu
  - Ooni of Ife
  - Monarch of Oyo
  - Founder of Owu-Ipole

## **ANSWERS KEY**

- |     |   |     |   |
|-----|---|-----|---|
| 1.  | C | 46. | B |
| 2.  | C | 47. | A |
| 3.  | B | 48. | D |
| 4.  | D | 49. | A |
| 5.  | A | 50. | D |
| 6.  | D |     |   |
| 7.  | D |     |   |
| 8.  | D |     |   |
| 9.  | A |     |   |
| 10. |   |     |   |
| 11. | A |     |   |
| 12. | D |     |   |
| 13. | A |     |   |
| 14. | B |     |   |
| 15. | A |     |   |
| 16. | D |     |   |
| 17. | A |     |   |
| 18. | C |     |   |
| 18. | B |     |   |
| 19. | A |     |   |
| 20. | C |     |   |
| 21. | D |     |   |
| 22. | D |     |   |
| 23. | C |     |   |
| 24. | C |     |   |
| 25. | C |     |   |
| 26. | A |     |   |
| 27. | C |     |   |
| 28. | A |     |   |
| 29. | B |     |   |
| 30. | D |     |   |
| 31. | C |     |   |
| 32. | A |     |   |
| 33. | D |     |   |
| 34. | C |     |   |
| 35. | B |     |   |
| 36. | A |     |   |
| 37. | C |     |   |
| 38. | B |     |   |
| 39. | C |     |   |
| 40. | C |     |   |
| 41. | B |     |   |
| 42. | D |     |   |
| 43. | C |     |   |
| 44. | D |     |   |
| 45. | C |     |   |

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D. Rigging

1. The usual works you know these things. We'll dangle this babe before the Chief for a price. He will employ her and we can make use of her to get what we want. She will run the errands while we pick the bucks'. The babe in the excerpt above refers to
  - A. Ogeyi
  - B. Alice
  - C. Ochuole
  - b. Aloho
2. 'O! God forgive me. Is this a trap or what? God! Poor girl! Whatever is her reason for this dangerous decision.'
  - A. Chief
  - B. Doctor
  - C. Inspector Inaku
  - D. ACP Yakubu

This question is based on Frank Ogburn's ***Harvest of Corruption***

3. The central setting of the play is
  - A. Mabu
  - B. Gbossa
  - C. Darkin
  - D. Jabu

This question is based on Frank Ogburn's ***Harvest of Corruption***

4. 'Good day (He says without looking up.) See me there by 4 p.m. Okay? Bye!' there in the excerpt above refers to the
  - A. Court room
  - B. Police station
  - C. Airport
  - D. Akpara hotel

This question is based on Frank Ogburn's ***Harvest of Corruption***

5. Chief Ade Amaka is involved in which of the following crime?
  - A. Child trafficking
  - B. Land grabbing
  - C. Smuggling

**This question is based on  
Williams Shakespeare's  
Othello**

6. 'ill-starred wench, pale as thy smock,  
When we shall meet at compt.' The  
device used in the lines above is
- A. simile
  - B. pun
  - C. metaphor
  - D. paradox

**This question is based on  
Williams Shakespeare's  
Othello**

7. Othello kills Desdemona because the
- A. former is jealous
  - B. former's race is insulted
  - C. latter is a witch.
8. Brabantio is opposed to the  
relationship between Othello and  
Desdemona because
- A. he prefers Iago
  - B. Othello is a Moor
  - C. Roderigo woos her first.
  - D. Desdemona is too young

**This question is based on  
William Shakespeare's  
Othello**

9. 'soft you; a word or two before you go. I  
have done the state some service, and  
they know't No more of that, I pray you, in  
your letters, When you shall these unlucky  
deeds relate ', The speech above is made.  
when the speaker is
- A. travelling
  - B. sick
  - C. dying
  - D. eloping

**This question is based on  
William Shakespeare's  
Othello**

10. 'O heaven; How got she  
out? O treason of the  
blood.  
Father, from hence trust not  
your daughters' minds  
By what you see them act. Is there not  
charms By which the property of youth

and maidhood

May be abused?

The speaker of the excerpt above is

- A. Brabantio
- B. Othello
- C. Gratiano
- D. Roderigo

This question is based on **Ammadarko's *Faceless***

11. The name of Kabria's husband is

- A. Kwei
- B. Kpakp
- o
- C. Adade
- D. Ottu

The question is based on **AmmaDarko's *Faceless***

12. 'She was both a child and an adult and could act like both

The character being referred to in the excerpt above is

- A. Fofu
- B. Baby T.
- C. Odarley
- D. Obea.

13. The question is based on AmmaDarko's ***Faceless***. The writer of the novel is from

- A. Germany
- B. Scotland
- C. Ghana
- D. Nigeria

This question is based on BayoAdebowale's ***Lonely Days***.

14. Windows in mourning in Kufi wear garments that are

- A. red
- B. black
- C. white
- D. dull

This question is based on BayoAdebowale's ***Lonely Days***.

15. In the novel bage cap signifies everlasting

- A. happiness
- B. sorrow

- C. freedom
- D. despair

This question is based on BayoAdebowale's  
**Lonely Days**

16. Yaremiss only son is
- A. Alani
  - B. Wande
  - C. Olode
  - D. Deyo

This question is based on Richard Wright's  
**Native Son**

17. Bigger burns Mary body in the
- A. toilet
  - B. basement
  - C. [backyard](#)
  - D. wardrobe

This question is based on Richard Wright's  
**Native Son.**

18. Mary's lover is \_\_\_\_
- A. Earlonge
  - B. Buckley
  - C. Bigger
  - D. Max

This question is based on Richard Wright's  
**Native Son.**

19. 'Suppose Mary had not burned? Suppose she was still there, expose' The dominant literacy device in the excerpt above is
- A. apostrophe
  - B. euphemism
  - C. syntactical parallelism
  - D. rhetorical question

This question is based on Richard Wright's  
**Native Son**

20. Bigger and the gang rob Negroes because
- A. they are the same
  - B. it is not a crime
  - C. they are helpless
  - D. it is easier
21. One of the themes in Morris **The Proud King** is

- A. arrogance
  - B. greed
  - C. education
  - D. achievement.
22. 'The panic  
Of growing older  
Spreads fluttering wings from year to year'  
The dominant figure of speech in the lines  
above from **Peters' *The Panic of Growing  
Older*** is
- A. onomatopoeia
  - B. metaphor
  - C. personification
  - D. apostrophe
23. Kofi Awoonor is a poet from
- A. Cameroon
  - B. Nigeria
  - C. Ghana
  - D. Kenya
24. Okara's *Piano and Drums* symbolizes
- A. superiority of the white man
  - B. how Africa is becoming complex
  - C. simplicity of the European society
  - D. the complexities of the Western society
25. 'But such a tide moving seems asleep, Too full  
for sound and foam, When that which drew  
from out the boundless deep Turns again  
home.' The rhyme scheme in the excerpt  
above from Tennyson's ***Crossing the Bar*** is
- A. abba
  - B. abab
  - C. abed
  - D. aabb
26. 'So strength first made a way; Then beauty  
flowed, then wisdom, honour, pleasure.' The  
lines above from Herbert's ***The Pulley*** is an  
example of
- A. personification
  - B. paradox
  - C. metaphor
  - D. antithesis
27. Blake's ***The School Boy*** can be referred to as



- A. dramatic
  - B. instructive
  - C. satiric
  - D. expository
28. 'If we cry roughly of our torments; Ever increasing from the start of things, What eyes will watch our large mouths; Shaped by the laughter of big children What eyes will watch our large mouths?' The language of the persona of the above excerpt in Diop's *Vanity* is
- A. inciting
  - B. submissive
  - C. imploring
  - D. diplomatic
29. 'Dinner tonight conies with; gun wounds, Our desert tongues lick the vegetable; blood-the pepper' From the lines above in Hallowell's **The Dining Table**, the persona is
- A. thirsty
  - B. displeased
  - C. hungry
  - D. sick
30. 'blue Peter on empty ships all peters with petered out desires.' It can be deduced from the lines above in Adeoti's **Ambush** that the **Peters** are
- A. disappointed
  - B. betrayed
  - C. lazy
  - D. greedy
31. An art that is both literary and theatrical is
- A. prosody
  - B. a prose
  - C. drama
  - D. a poem
32. The speech made by a character to himself on stage is
- A. epilogue
  - B. monologue
  - C. aside
  - D. soliloquy

33. In literature, a round character is associated with
- A. change and growth
  - B. simplicity and modesty
  - C. stability and determination
  - D. running down other characters
34. In a narrative poem, the poet attempts to
- A. summarize a story
  - B. preach a sermon
  - C. describe a place
  - D. tell a story
35. The continuation of meaning without pause, from one line to the next is
- A. enjambment
  - B. synecdoche
  - C. alliteration
  - D. melodrama
36. The plot of a story generally refers to the
- A. way in which the writer begins the story
  - B. intrigue made by a character against the hero
  - C. way the writer ends the story
  - D. way in which the events of the story are organized
37. A didactic piece is one in which the writer
- A. teaches human lessons
  - B. dictates to the reader
  - C. condemns human foibles
  - D. discusses dialectic themes
38. What basically distinguish literature from other disciplines
- A. communication of idea
  - B. use of creative imagination
  - C. portrayal of places
  - D. exposition of human experience
39. A reward or punishment a character receives in a literary work is
- A. point of attack
  - B. poetic justice
  - C. popular outcry
  - D. poetic license

40. In literary criticism, the vocabulary or language used by a writer is generally known as
- A. figure of speech
  - B. diction
  - C. expression
  - D. rhythm
41. Weep not child, weep not my darling, With these kisses, let me remove your tears The ravening clouds shall no longer be victorious They shall no longer possess the sky ...The speaker of the lines is
- A. pessimistic
  - B. optimistic
  - C. helpless
  - D. carefree
42. 'You see that Benz at the rich's end? Ha! That motoka is motoka,It belongs to the Minister for fairness. Who yesterday was loaded with a doctorate. At Makerere with whisky and I don't know what Plus I hear the literate thighs of an undergraduate **Theo Luzuka: *The Motoka*** The excerpt above can be described as
- A. sad
  - B. humorous
  - C. strange
  - D. serious

**Questions 43 to 50 are based on Literary Appreciation.**

43. `... for my purpose holds To sail beyond the sunset and the baths; of all the western stars, until I die.'**Tennyson: *Ulysses***. From the excerpt above, the persona does not intend to
- A. undertake dangerous adventure
  - B. stop travelling
  - C. die
  - D. travel at night
44. 'And my children left their peaceful nakedness for the uniform of iron and blood.' David Diop: ***Loser of Everything***. In the lines above, the imagery depicts a displacement of
- A. village life by barrack life

- B. nature by science
- C. innocence by violence
- D. the natural by the artificial

45. 'Now we have come to you, And are amazed to find Those you have loved and respected Mock you to your face.' **Kwesi Braw: *Lest we should Be The Last***

The lines above convey the feeling of

- A. satisfaction
- B. hope
- C. disappointment
- D. fear

46. The times has come when I can fool myself no more I am no man sadiku. My manhood ended near a week ago.

The lines above reveal that the speaker

- A. has become impotent
- B. loves women
- C. is tired of marriage
- D. is disgusted with life.

47. 'In those days When civilization kicked us in the face When holy water slapped our cringing brows. The vultures built in the shadow of their talons.' David Diop: ***The Vulture***. The dominant Literary device used in the lines above is

- A. metaphor
- B. pun
- C. simile
- D. personification.

48. 'The leaves are withered Roses fold and shrink Dog the panting athlete shows his tongue dwarfed A shadow flees Nude under and crack.' Nuts wrinkle and crack.' W. Kamera: Poems in Four Parts. One dominant image presented in the lines above is that of

- A. death
- B. summer
- C. tiredness
- D. spent life

49. When I remember by gone days I think  
how evening follows morning So many I  
loved were not yet dead, So many I love  
not yet born.  
The period of life the poet has arrived at is
- A. middle age
  - B. adolescence
  - C. old age
  - D. early childhood
50. 'Behold her, single in the field You solitary  
Highland lass! Reaping and singing by  
herself  
O listen! For the value profound is  
overflowing with sound.' **Words worth:**  
***The Solitary Reaper.***  
The lines above constitute
- A. an apostrophe
  - B. an aside
  - C. an interior monologue
  - D. soliloquy

ANSWER  
KEYS

1. D
2. A
3. B
4. D
5. C
6. A
7. A
8. B
9. C
10. A
11. C
12. A
13. C
14. B
15. C
16. A
17. B
18. A
19. D
20. B
21. A
22. C
23. C
24. B
25. B

26. A
27. C
28. C
29. B
30. B
31. A
32. A
33. A
34. D
35. A
36. D
37. A
38. D
39. B
40. B
41. B
42. B
43. B
44. C
45. C
46. A
47. D
48. A
49. A

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C. Othello's suspicion

## Question 1 to 5 are based on Frank Ogodo Ogbeche's Harvest of Corruption

1. Aloho perceives her pregnancy as a form of
  - A. reward
  - B. blessing
  - C. punishment
  - D. injustice
2. The play can be referred to as
  - A. dramatic irony
  - B. allegory
  - C. fable
  - D. satire
3. According to Ochuole, government job is
  - A. a waste of time
  - B. time consuming
  - C. good for hardworking youths
  - D. an avenue to personalize public fund
4. En! En! En! You have come again... I am not always comfortable when you start dishing out this you born again stuff...'
  - A. Ochuole
  - B. Aloho
5. Aloch is warned about associating with Ochuole be-cause the latter is
  - A. too sophisticated
  - B. proud
  - C. mischievous
  - D. born-again

## Question 6 to 10 are based on William Shakespeare's Othello.

6. **She is abused, stol'n from me and corrupted By spells and medicines bought of mountebanks;** . The excerpt above refers to
  - A. Brabantio's suspicion
  - B. Iago's distrust of Emilia

D. Cassio's disaffection for Iago

7. The play is first staged at

- A. Liverpool stadium
- B. Manchester stadium
- C. Whitehall palace London
- D. London Theatre

8. **'All's One-Good faith, how foolish are our minds! If I do die before thee, prithee, shroud me. In one of those same sheets.'**

The plea in the excerpt above is made by

- A. Desdemona to Emilia
- B. Othello to Iago
- C. Iago to Emilia
- D. Cassio to Bianca

9. **'Let him do his spite; My services which I have done the signiory shall out-tongue his complaints.'Tis yet to know Which, when I know that boasting is an honour,'** The speaker in the

excerpt above is

- A. Brabantio
- B. Othello
- C. Cassio
- D. Iago

10. „O heaven; How got she out?

O treason of the blood

Father, from hence trust not your daughter's minds

By which the property of youth and maidhood May be abused?

The speaker of the excerpt above is

- A. Brabantio
- B. Othello
- C. Gratiano
- D. Roderigo

**Question 11 to 13 are based on Amma Darko's Faceless.**

11. Sodom and Gomorrah used in the novel is an example of



- A. mixed metaphor
  - B. allusion
  - C. synecdoche
  - D. euphemism
12. The novel focuses on
- A. stubborn children
  - B. negligent parents
  - C. greedy politicians
  - D. peer group influence
13. Fofo chooses to spend the night in front of the provision store because
- A. it is a Sunday
  - B. she is ill
  - C. she does not want to risk losing her job
  - D. she has nowhere to go

**Question 14 to 16 are based on Bayo Adebowale's Lonely Days.**

14. Labankada signifies
- A. wealth and peace
  - B. wealth and life
  - C. wealth and prosperity
  - D. wealth and protection
15. The women of kufi are powerful
- A. singers
  - B. farmers
  - C. traders
  - D. widows
16. The windows in the land are joined by the loss of
- A. love
  - B. family
  - C. fame and wealth
  - D. dignity and status

**Question 17 to 20 are based on Richard Wright's Native Son**

17. 'Light flooded the room and revealed a black boy standing in a narrow

**space between two'** The style of the lines above is

- A. narrative
  - B. dramatic
  - C. descriptive
  - D. expository
18. Bigger kills Mary due to
- A. fear
  - B. envy
  - C. hatred
  - D. distrust
19. Weekly, Bigger is to be paid
- A. twenty dollars
  - B. twenty-five dollars
  - C. thirty dollars
  - D. thirty-five dollars
20. Mr Dalton is of the opinion that Negroes are happier when they are
- A. together
  - B. servants in the white family
  - C. educated
  - D. given some respect

**Question 21 to 30 are based on Selected Poems from Johnson, Ret al(eds): New poetry from Vincent, T.(eds): A selection of African Poetry; Gbemisola.: Naked Soles; Hayward, J African Verse. Morris'**

21. The Proud King is
- A. didactic
  - B. pastoral
  - C. traditional
  - D. lyrical
22. Mystic rhythm in the third line of the first stanza of Okara's **Piano and Drums**
- A. express mood
  - B. provides music
  - C. carries a definite message
  - D. are for pleasurable dancing

23. The line above in Adeoti's Ambush is an example of  
A. pun  
B. alliteration  
C. metaphor  
D. simile

24. The mood of the person in Tennyson's Crossing the Bar is that  
A. pain  
B. frustration  
C. hope  
D. love

25. Having a glass of blessings standing by,' The line above from Herbert's The Pulley is an example of  
A. synecdoche  
B. personification  
C. hyperbole  
D. simile

26. Peter's the Panic of Growing Older can be referred to as  
A. metaphysical  
B. philosophical  
C. satirical  
D. metaphorical

27. One vivid device in Blake's **The School Boy** is  
A. oxymoron  
B. rhetorical question  
C. ironical statement  
D. metaphor

28. **..... and my boots have suddenly become too reluctant to walk me.** The persona in the above excerpt in Hallowell's The Dining Table is  
A. exhausted  
B. excited  
C. indifferent

29. The tone of Diopo's Vanity is one of  
A. anger

B. pity  
C. joy  
D. scorn

30. Awoonor's The Anvil and the Hammer presents a picture of the  
A. past and present  
B. past and future  
C. future  
D. olden days

**Question 31 to 40 are based on General Literacy Principles**

31. Totality of the effects produced on a reader of a literary work is  
A. tone  
B. mood  
C. plot  
D. diction

32. An art form in which singers and musicians performs dramatic work combining text and music is  
A. concert  
B. opera  
C. theatre  
D. pantomime

33. In literature, local colour is  
A. universal  
B. restricted  
C. only English  
D. only American

34. A clue to an event that will happen later in a work of art is  
A. flashback  
B. fore- shadowing  
C. premonition  
D. digression

35. . . Comedy of lower kind in which believability is sacrificed for the main objective of exciting laugh is  
A. farce  
B. comedy

- C. melodrama
- D. tragi comedy

36. „**I am on the world's extreme corner.**’ Kofi Awoonor: Song of Sorrow. The speaker in the lines move is

- A. indifferent
- B. sad
- C. angry
- D. in pain

37. Then I sat myself quiet... for five  
And forty turbulent years I waited,  
sapped, famished,  
For love to wake from her sickly  
slumber;  
The figure of speech in the last line  
above is

- A. assonance
- B. personification
- C. metaphor
- D. oxymoron

38. We have rain but hate to plant  
We have the heat and the glory of the  
rainbow  
But we kill our own suns with hurtful  
glee  
The poet's feeling can be described as  
that of

- A. disappointment
- B. indifference
- C. anxiety
- D. joy

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I think how evening follow morning  
So many I loved were not yet dead,  
So may I love not yet born  
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is

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40. „Behold her, single in the field  
You solitary Highland Lass“  
Reaping and singing by herself  
O listen! for the value profound  
Is overflowing with the sound.’ Words  
worth: **The Solitary Reaper**  
The lines above constitute

- A. an apostrophe
- B. an aside
- C. an interior monologue
- D. soliloquy

## ANSWER KEYS

1. C  
2. C  
3. D  
4. C  
5. C  
6. A  
7. D  
8. A  
9. A  
10.A  
11.B  
12.B  
13.C  
14.C  
15.C  
16.D  
17.C  
18.A  
19.B

20.B  
21.A  
22.C  
23.B  
24.C  
25.A  
26.A  
27.B  
28.A  
29.A  
30.A  
31.B  
32.B  
33.B  
34.B  
35.A  
36.B  
37.B  
38.A  
39.A  
40.A

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## Questions 1 to 10 are based on General Literacy Principles.

1. A literary work in which the characters and events are used as symbols is known as
  - A. characteristics
  - B. allegory
  - C. metaphor
  - D. parallelism
2. Characterisation in a novel refers to the
  - A. writer's opinion of the characters
  - B. way the characters are revealed to the reader
  - C. characters and the way they behave
  - D. readers of the characters.
3. In literary work, verbal Irony refers to a
  - A. device in which the speaker means the opposite of what he says
  - B. situation in which a Character speaks or acts against the trend of events
  - C. difficult situation which defies a local or rational resolution
  - D. device in which the actor on stage: means exactly what he says.
4. In the theatre, words spoken by a character that are meant to be heard by the audience but not by the other; characters on stage is called
  - A. aside
  - B. soliloquy
  - C. acoustic
  - D. tone
5. Drama is the representation of a complete series of actions by means of
  - A. movement and gesture for the screen and audience
  - B. speech, movement and gesture for the stage only
  - C. speech, movement and gesture for the stage, screen and radio
  - D. speech, gesture and movement for the screen and radio
6. A poet's use of regular rhythm is known as
  - A. allegory
  - B. assonance
  - C. metre
  - D. onomatopoeia.
7. A literary genre which directly imitates human actions is
  - A. drama
  - B. comedy
  - C. prose
  - D. poetry
8. A fable is a story in which
  - A. allegations are made about characters
  - B. animals or things are used as characters
  - C. there is an important setting
  - D. the story is told in poetic form
9. The juxtaposition of two contrasting ideas in a line of poetry is
  - A. euphemism
  - B. synecdoche
  - C. catharsis
  - D. oxymoron
10. The main aim of caricature is to
  - A. describe
  - B. expose
  - C. emphasize
  - D. ridicule.

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- together
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  - educated
  - given some respect.

**Questions 14 to 16 are based on Bayo Adebowale's Lonely Days.**

14. Windows in mourning in Kofi wear garments that are
- red
  - black
  - white
  - dull
15. In the novel, bage cape signifies everlasting
- happiness
  - sorrow
  - freedom
  - despair.
16. Yaremi's only son is
- Alani
  - Wande
  - Olode
  - Deyo.

**Questions 17 to 20 are based on George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-four.**

17. The novel draws a picture of
- a useless past
  - a totalitarian future
  - an unstable moment
  - a peaceful atmosphere
18. The power and oppression of an irresistible evil debased Winston's dreams of
- freedom and democracy
  - internal security
  - wealth and capitalism
  - sovereignty
19. Room 101 symbolises a place of
- rest
  - fun

- humiliation
- torture

20. The novel can be described as
- optimistic
  - antagonistic
  - persuasive
  - pessimistic.

**Questions 21 to 25 are based on J.P Clark's Wives Revolt.**

21. In the play, the central idea is that gender equality is
- both undesirable and unattainable
  - desirable but unattainable
  - attainable and desirable
  - obnoxious but desirable
22. In their flight, the women settle at Iyara in order to
- cure cross-piece
  - hurt their husbands
  - forestall reconciliation
  - seek peace
23. "...Great Orators in the assembly, and poor nannies at home:" Those being ridiculed here are the
- husbands
  - old-women
  - wives
  - spinsters

- 24....Those with full breasts have walked out, and that leaves you, me, and, the old-girls returned home on retirement, it's the dry season child." The character to whom the words are spoken in the play is in
- front of the veranda of Okoro's house
  - the-kitchen, upstage
  - Okoro's front yard, down stage
  - the direction of the kitchen, off stage

25. The mutual exchange of abuse in the play is reminiscent of
- Ikaki
  - Udje

- C. Etiyeri
- D. Ekpe

- C. Gratiano
- D. Roderigo

**Questions 26 to 30 are based on Williams's Shakespeare's Othello.**

**Use the following excerpt to answer questions 31 to 33.**

26. "ill-starred wench, Pale as thy smoke;  
When we shall meet at compt"  
The device used in the line above is
- A. simile
  - B. pun
  - C. metaphor
  - D. paradox
27. Othello kills Desdemona because the
- A. former is jealous
  - B. former's race is insulted
  - C. latter is a witch
  - D. latter is an idol
28. Brabantio is opposed to the relationship between Othello and Desdemona because
- A. he prefers Lago
  - B. Othello is a moor
  - C. Roderigo woos her first
  - D. Desdemona is too young
29. "Soft you; a word or two before you go.  
I have done the state some service an,  
they know' No more of that, I pray you,  
in your letters, When you shall these  
unlucky deeds relate" The speech above  
is made when the speaker is
- A. travelling
  - B. sick
  - C. dying
  - D. eloping
30. "O heaven; How got she out?  
O treason of the blood!  
Father; from hence trust not your  
daughters' minds  
By what you see them act. Is there not  
charms  
By which the property of youth and  
maidhood  
May be abused?  
The speaker of the excerpt above is
- A. Brabantio
  - B. Othello

- "I wonder how long, you awful parasites,  
Shall share with me this little bed,  
And awake me, from my sweet dreams  
be lost,  
Sucking blood from my poor head...  
Mbure: "To Bed-Bug"
31. The lines are an example of a
- A. limerick
  - B. lampoon
  - C. light verse
  - D. light opera.
32. The poet persona expresses dismay about
- A. bat
  - B. cockroaches
  - C. grass coppers
  - D. light opera
33. The most dominant figure of speech in the excerpt is
- A. metaphor
  - B. simile
  - C. personification
  - D. hyperbole
34. You  
Your head is like a drum that is beaten  
for spirits  
Your  
Yours ears are like the fans used for  
blowing fire.  
The lines above are a good example of
- A. caricature
  - B. ridicule
  - C. satire
  - D. lampoon.
- 35. How can I look at Oyo and say  
I hate long shiny cars? How can I  
come to the children and despise  
international schools? And Koomson  
comes; and the family semi Jesus  
Christ in him...**

The feeling conveyed by the speaker above is one of

- A. anger
- B. alienation
- C. hope
  
- D. despair

36. **"Hide me now, when night children haunt the earth" Wole Soyinka:**

**"Night" Night children** in the stanza above reflects the consciousness of

- A. birds
- B. armed robbers
- C. animals
- D. spirit beings

37. **Serrated shadows, through dark leaves  
Till, bathed in warm suffusion of your dappled cells  
Sensation pained me, faceless, silent as night thieves**

Wole Soyinka: **"Night"**

The dominant mood in the lines above is one of

- A. apprehension
- B. defiance
- C. joy
- D. indifference

38. **"The drum overwhelmed the guns..."**

J.P Clark: **"Causalities"**

The poet in the excerpt above uses

- A. litotes
- B. symbolism
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. alliteration

39. **"... They do not see the funeral piles, At home eating up the forests..."** J.P

Clark: **"Causalities"** The imagery created in the above uses

- A. metaphor
- B. personification
- C. synecdoche
- D. metonymy

**"I cannot rest from travel: I will drink, life to the lees, all times I have enjoyed, Greatly, have suffered greatly".** A.L. Tennyson: **"Ulysses"**

40. The lines above inform the reader that poet

- E. is determined to suffer
- F. has his poetic imagination kindled
- G. will cure his soar mood
- H. will not drink much



## ANSWER KEYS

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. A
5. B
6. C
7. A
8. B
9. D
- 10.D
- 11.A
- 12.B
- 13.B
- 14.B
- 15.C
- 16.A
- 17.A
- 18.A

- 19.D
- 20.A
- 21.C
- 22.B
- 23.A
- 24.A
- 25.B
- 26.A
- 27.A
- 28.B
- 29.C
- 30.A
- 31.A
- 32.B
- 33.C
- 34.D
- 35.D
- 36.B
- 37.A
- 38.C
- 39.A
- 40.B

