

Shri Guru Nanak Degree College Rudrapur

Question Bank

UGENG-CC103: History of English Literature

Long Answer Questions (50)

1. Discuss the contribution of Geoffrey Chaucer to English literature.
2. Describe the characteristics of Elizabethan poetry and drama.
3. Explain the impact of the Renaissance and Reformation on English literature.
4. Evaluate the role of Miracle and Morality plays in the development of English drama.
5. Analyze the significance of the University Wits in the evolution of English drama.
6. What are the major features of Metaphysical poetry? Discuss with reference to John Donne.
7. Compare the Jacobean and Caroline Age in terms of literary characteristics and key writers.
8. Discuss the development of prose during the 18th century with reference to major writers.
9. Write a critical note on the Restoration Comedy with examples.
10. Evaluate the influence of the French Revolution on Romantic literature.
11. Discuss the characteristics of the Romantic Age with reference to Wordsworth and Coleridge.
12. Examine the major themes in the works of Victorian poets.
13. Trace the development of the English novel during the 18th and 19th centuries.
14. Discuss the role of satire in the works of Jonathan Swift and Alexander Pope.
15. Analyze the significance of the Augustan Age in English literary history.
16. Examine the rise of the novel in the Age of Sensibility.
17. Discuss the Puritan influence on English literature during the Commonwealth period.
18. Write a detailed note on the Restoration Age and its literary output.
19. Evaluate the contribution of Samuel Johnson to English prose and criticism.
20. Discuss the major literary tendencies of the Modern Age.
21. How did the Industrial Revolution affect Victorian literature?
22. Trace the evolution of English drama from the medieval to the Elizabethan period.
23. Compare the poetic styles of John Milton and Alexander Pope.
24. Discuss the significance of drama during the Elizabethan and Jacobean Ages.
25. Explain the characteristics of Postmodern literature with examples.
26. Write an essay on the development of English prose from Bacon to Addison.
27. Analyze the role of women writers during the Victorian Age.
28. Discuss the literary features of the Age of Chaucer.
29. Evaluate the contribution of T.S. Eliot to modern English poetry.
30. Describe the features of Restoration tragedy and comedy.

31. Discuss the role of Romanticism in shaping English literature.
32. Analyze the literary contribution of the Brontë sisters.
33. Examine the works of George Eliot as a Victorian novelist.
34. Compare and contrast the Romantic and Victorian poets.
35. Write a critical note on the influence of classical literature on Neo-classical writers.
36. Describe the transition from Romanticism to Victorianism.
37. Discuss the features and significance of the Age of Johnson.
38. How does literature reflect the socio-political context of the 17th century?
39. Analyze the elements of realism in Victorian fiction.
40. Evaluate the impact of Enlightenment on English literature.
41. Discuss the contribution of modern British dramatists.
42. Trace the evolution of English sonnet through different ages.
43. Compare the narrative techniques of Fielding and Richardson.
44. Analyze the literary features of the Age of Sensibility.
45. Discuss the contributions of major Romantic poets.
46. Write a detailed note on the Post-1901 English fiction.
47. Evaluate the use of irony in the works of Swift and Pope.
48. Discuss the theme of love in the poetry of John Donne.
49. Analyze the contribution of Modernist poets.
50. Write an essay on the literary development of the 18th century.

Short Answer Questions (50)

1. What are the major features of Chaucer's writing?
2. Define Elizabethan tragedy with an example.
3. Who were the University Wits?
4. What is Metaphysical poetry?
5. Mention any two major poets of the Caroline Age.
6. What characterizes the Jacobean drama?
7. What is the significance of the Age of Sensibility?
8. Who is called the 'father of English essay'? Why?
9. Mention any two Restoration playwrights.
10. What is Puritanism in literature?
11. Define Neo-classicism.
12. Name any two poets from the Romantic Age.
13. What is the theme of Wordsworth's 'Tintern Abbey'?
14. Name two major Victorian novelists.
15. What is the importance of the Age of Johnson?
16. Name two significant works of John Milton.
17. What are the features of Augustan literature?
18. Name a major work of Alexander Pope.
19. Define Romanticism.
20. What is the theme of 'The Rape of the Lock'?
21. Who wrote 'Paradise Lost'? What is its theme?
22. What is the significance of 'The Spectator'?
23. Name two prose writers of the 18th century.
24. Define Restoration Comedy.
25. What is the role of satire in Neo-classical literature?
26. Define 'Elegy' with example.
27. Mention two characteristics of Victorian poetry.
28. Who is known for developing the historical novel?
29. What is Pre-Raphaelite poetry?
30. Who were the Lake Poets?
31. What is the significance of Samuel Johnson in English literature?
32. Define stream of consciousness.
33. Who are the Brontë sisters?
34. Name a novel by Charles Dickens and its theme.
35. What is realism in literature?
36. Define the term 'Postmodernism'.
37. Mention any two themes of Modernist literature.
38. Who wrote 'Ulysses'? What is its significance?
39. Define allegory in medieval drama.
40. What are the key traits of Victorian morality?
41. What are Morality Plays?
42. Name any two Modern English dramatists.

43. Who introduced the sonnet form in English?
44. Define the term 'mock-epic'.
45. What is the theme of 'Dover Beach' by Matthew Arnold?
46. Define 'pastoral poetry'.
47. What do you understand by Enlightenment?
48. What is the theme of 'Ode to a Nightingale'?
49. Who was Thomas Hardy? Name one of his novels.
50. Define 'epistolary novel' with an example.

Multiple Choice Questions (40)

1. Who is known as the Father of English Poetry?
 - A. John Milton
 - B. Geoffrey Chaucer
 - C. William Shakespeare
 - D. Edmund Spenser

2. Which period is called the 'Age of Shakespeare'?
 - A. Jacobean Age
 - B. Victorian Age
 - C. Elizabethan Age
 - D. Romantic Age

3. The term 'University Wits' refers to:
 - A. Poets from Oxford
 - B. Dramatists from Cambridge and Oxford
 - C. Novelists of the 18th century
 - D. Critics of the 19th century

4. 'Paradise Lost' was written by:
 - A. Alexander Pope
 - B. John Milton
 - C. William Blake
 - D. Thomas Gray

5. Which age is also known as the Age of Satire?
 - A. Victorian Age
 - B. Romantic Age
 - C. Neo-classical Age
 - D. Elizabethan Age

6. Who is a famous metaphysical poet?
 - A. John Donne
 - B. John Keats
 - C. Robert Browning
 - D. William Wordsworth

7. The Caroline Age refers to the reign of:
 - A. Charles I
 - B. Charles II
 - C. George III
 - D. Elizabeth I

8. Restoration Comedy is also known as:
 - A. Comedy of Manners
 - B. Comedy of Errors

- C. Tragicomedy
- D. Classical Comedy

9. The Romantic Age started in the year:

- A. 1789
- B. 1800
- C. 1700
- D. 1901

10. Wordsworth's 'Preface to Lyrical Ballads' was published in:

- A. 1798
- B. 1800
- C. 1802
- D. 1810

11. Who wrote 'The Rape of the Lock'?

- A. Dryden
- B. Pope
- C. Swift
- D. Byron

12. Who is the author of 'Pride and Prejudice'?

- A. Charlotte Brontë
- B. George Eliot
- C. Jane Austen
- D. Emily Brontë

13. Which novel is written by Charles Dickens?

- A. Middlemarch
- B. Hard Times
- C. Jane Eyre
- D. Vanity Fair

14. Who introduced the term 'negative capability'?

- A. Keats
- B. Shelley
- C. Coleridge
- D. Arnold

15. Who is associated with the 'stream of consciousness' technique?

- A. Charles Dickens
- B. Virginia Woolf
- C. George Eliot
- D. Thomas Hardy

16. Who wrote 'The Waste Land'?

- A. T.S. Eliot
- B. Ezra Pound
- C. W.B. Yeats
- D. Auden

17. The Victorian Age is known for:

- A. Poetry
- B. Essays
- C. Drama
- D. Novels

18. Which of these is a morality play?

- A. Everyman
- B. Doctor Faustus
- C. Othello
- D. Volpone

19. The Age of Sensibility is also called:

- A. Age of Reason
- B. Age of Pope
- C. Age of Johnson
- D. Romantic Age

20. 'Kubla Khan' was written by:

- A. William Wordsworth
- B. Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- C. Lord Byron
- D. Keats

21. Who wrote 'Ulysses'?

- A. Tennyson
- B. Arnold
- C. James Joyce
- D. George Orwell

22. The Brontë sisters were active in which literary period?

- A. Romantic
- B. Victorian
- C. Modern
- D. Neo-classical

23. The sonnet form was introduced to England by:

- A. Chaucer
- B. Surrey

- C. Wyatt
- D. Sidney

24. Tennyson belongs to the:

- A. Romantic Age
- B. Victorian Age
- C. Modern Age
- D. Elizabethan Age

25. Who wrote 'In Memoriam'?

- A. Robert Browning
- B. Matthew Arnold
- C. Tennyson
- D. Hopkins

26. A key feature of postmodern literature is:

- A. Simplicity
- B. Satire
- C. Metaphor
- D. Fragmentation

27. 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard' was written by:

- A. Thomas Gray
- B. Oliver Goldsmith
- C. William Cowper
- D. William Blake

28. Restoration period began in:

- A. 1649
- B. 1660
- C. 1688
- D. 1700

29. 'Dover Beach' is written by:

- A. Robert Browning
- B. T.S. Eliot
- C. Matthew Arnold
- D. John Keats

30. The Augustan Age is also known as:

- A. Age of Chaucer
- B. Age of Pope
- C. Age of Shakespeare
- D. Age of Keats

31. 'Sons and Lovers' is a novel by:

- A. D.H. Lawrence
- B. James Joyce
- C. E.M. Forster
- D. George Orwell

32. 'Wuthering Heights' is written by:

- A. Charlotte Brontë
- B. Anne Brontë
- C. Emily Brontë
- D. Jane Austen

33. The Industrial Revolution had a major impact on:

- A. Romantic Literature
- B. Elizabethan Literature
- C. Victorian Literature
- D. Modernist Literature

34. Jonathan Swift is best known for:

- A. Essays
- B. Poems
- C. Satires
- D. Novels

35. Who is the author of 'Pamela'?

- A. Henry Fielding
- B. Samuel Richardson
- C. Daniel Defoe
- D. Oliver Goldsmith

36. Which novel was written by George Eliot?

- A. Oliver Twist
- B. Jane Eyre
- C. Middlemarch
- D. Wuthering Heights

37. Which age followed the Romantic Age?

- A. Modern Age
- B. Victorian Age
- C. Augustan Age
- D. Postmodern Age

38. Which poet is known for his odes?

- A. William Blake
- B. John Keats

- C. Byron
- D. Robert Burns

39. The 'Age of Johnson' is part of which century?

- A. 16th
- B. 17th
- C. 18th
- D. 19th

40. Which of these is a Gothic novel?

- A. Pamela
- B. Tom Jones
- C. Frankenstein
- D. Silas Marner

41. Who is the author of 'The Pilgrim's Progress'?

- A. John Milton
- B. John Bunyan
- C. Jonathan Swift
- D. Daniel Defoe

42. What is the primary theme of 'Gulliver's Travels'?

- A. Adventure
- B. Romance
- C. Satire on human nature
- D. Political history

43. Which work marks the beginning of English drama?

- A. Everyman
- B. Gorboduc
- C. Doctor Faustus
- D. Ralph Roister Doister

44. Who is the author of 'The School for Scandal'?

- A. Oliver Goldsmith
- B. Richard Sheridan
- C. William Congreve
- D. Ben Jonson

45. 'The Faerie Queene' was written by:

- A. Edmund Spenser
- B. John Milton
- C. William Blake
- D. Chaucer

46. Which age is known for the development of the English novel?

- A. Renaissance
- B. Romantic
- C. Augustan
- D. Victorian

47. The novel 'Jane Eyre' belongs to which genre?

- A. Romance
- B. Gothic Fiction
- C. Satire
- D. Utopian

48. Which poet wrote 'The Tyger'?

- A. Wordsworth
- B. Blake
- C. Shelley
- D. Byron

49. Who is known for the 'invention' of the English novel?

- A. Jonathan Swift
- B. Henry Fielding
- C. Daniel Defoe
- D. Laurence Sterne

50. Which literary movement is associated with William Wordsworth?

- A. Modernism
- B. Romanticism
- C. Realism
- D. Naturalism