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1. Who holds the view that there is no essential difference between the language of poetry and the language of prose?
  - A) Coleridge
  - B) Wordsworth
  - C) Shelley
  - D) Byron
  
2. "The Chair she sat in, like a burnished throne" is a line in T.S. Eliot's The Waste Land alluding to Shakespeare's
  - A) As You Like it
  - B) Cymbeline
  - C) Antony and Cleopatra
  - D) Romeo and Juliet
  
3. Who of the following poets wrote on "the pity of war"?
  - A) W.H. Auden
  - B) Wilfred Owen
  - C) an ode
  - D) an idyll
  
4. Whom does Matthew Arnold call "the splendid high priest of our age of prose and reason"?
  - A) Dryden
  - B) Pope
  - C) Gray
  - D) Burns
  
5. T.S. Eliot compares the mind of the poet to the shred of
  - A) Sulphurous acid
  - B) catalyst
  - C) receptacle
  - D) platinum
  
6. Hardy's Jude the Obscure is a mild satire on ..... Century social structures and moral codes
  - A) sixteenth
  - B) seventeenth
  - C) eighteenth
  - D) nineteenth

7. Which of the following can be considered the theme of Macbeth?
- A) Equivocation
  - B) Procrastination
  - C) Suspicion
  - D) Exasperation
8. Name the monster which vows to learn the human language and curse mankind
- A) Oberon
  - B) Ariel
  - C) Puck
  - D) Caliban
9. ....is the theme of Shakespeare's The Tempest
- A) Rebirth
  - B) Remorse
  - C) Reconciliation
  - D) Revenge
10. Shakespeare's Measure for Measure can be described as a
- A) Tragedy
  - B) Dark Comedy
  - C) Comedy
  - D) Dramatic Romance
11. Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra dramatizes the conflict between
- A) love and honour
  - B) life and death
  - C) grace and disagree
  - D) love and death
12. E. E. Cumming's poetry is known for
- A) technical inventiveness
  - B) moralistic prescription
  - C) irreligious sentiments
  - D) political overtones
13. Which of the following is a dramatization of the indefatigable spirit of man?
- A) The Death of a Salesman
  - B) Moby Dick
  - C) The Hatry Ape
  - D) The Old Man and the Sea

14. How long had Thoreau been in a hut near Walden pond?
- A) 2 years, 2 months, 2 days
  - B) 2 years, 4 months, 4 days
  - C) 2 years, 6 months, 6 days
  - D) 2 years, 8 months, 8 days
15. Who is described as “a person who embodies in him the most terrible conflicts running through the streets of America”?
- A) Linda
  - B) Biff
  - C) Loman
  - D) Happy
16. Tagore entreats God in “Song,-35” “to let (the) country awake into.....
- A) salvation
  - B) the heaven of freedom
  - C) an eternal joy
  - D) the undying bliss
17. What tempted the girl in Sarojini Naidu’s ‘The Village Song’?
- A) An evil spirit
  - B) Tender moonbeams
  - C) Boatmen’s song
  - D) The Jamuna waters
18. Who is shown to narrate the story of Kanthapura?
- A) Ratna
  - B) Kenchamma
  - C) Moorthy
  - D) Achakka
19. Sir John Falstaff is a memorable creation of Shakespeare in
- A) Henry-IV
  - B) Antony and Cleopatra
  - C) Measure for Measure
  - D) The Tempest
20. Which of the following cannot be considered “one of the four great tragedies of Shakespeare”?
- A) Antony and Cleopatra
  - B) King Lear
  - C) Hamlet
  - D) Othello

21. Which of the following is not a Roman play by Shakespeare?
- A) Coriolanus
  - B) Antony and Cleopatra
  - C) Julius Caesar
  - D) Measure for Measure
22. Where does the boy in “Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking” meet the birds?
- A) Paumanok
  - B) Alabama
  - C) New York
  - D) Washington
23. Emily Dickinson in “Because I Could Not Stop for Death” personifies death as
- A) a guide
  - B) God
  - C) a philosopher
  - D) a gentleman caller
24. The subtitle of Melville’s Moby Dick is
- A) The White Evil
  - B) The White Devil
  - C) The White Whale
  - D) The White Mole
25. The locale where the ananta-tandave of Lord Shiva is performed is
- A) Thirunelveli
  - B) Chidambaram
  - C) Thirukalukundram
  - D) Thiruvallankadu
26. Who represents the voice of the marginalized in Tagore’s Mukta-Dhara?
- A) Sanjaya
  - B) Prince Abhijit
  - C) King Ranajit
  - D) Bibhuti
27. The theme of Wole Soyinka’s “The Telephone Conversation” is
- A) political injustice
  - B) racial discrimination
  - C) intra-racial tension
  - D) the hazards of technology

28. Pratt's "Dying Eagle" allegorises the disappearance of
- A) a powerful indigenous race
  - B) tradition
  - C) religious faith
  - D) the hope of life
29. Who proudly embraces the lifestyle and beliefs of the west in *The Lion and the Jewel*?
- A) Sidi
  - B) Sadiku
  - C) Baroka
  - D) Lakunle
30. The plays of Samuel Beckett can be described as
- A) psychological
  - B) surrealist
  - C) dark
  - D) absurd
31. The narrative technique used in the novels of James Joyce can be termed as
- A) Interior monologue
  - B) Dramatic monologue
  - C) Interior dialogue
  - D) Stream of Unconsciousness
32. Which of the following years marks the beginning of the Romantic Movement?
- A) 1789
  - B) 1798
  - C) 1800
  - D) 1801
33. Who coined the term "Womanism"?
- A) Virginia woolf
  - B) Barbara Johnson
  - C) Judith wright
  - D) Alice Walker
34. Which of the following can be described as "the first feminist manifesto"?
- A) Elaine Showalter's "Feminist Criticism in the Wilderness"
  - B) Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*
  - C) Helence Cixous "Sorties"
  - D) Spivak's "Imperialism and Sexual Differences".

35. ....was responsible for introducing English studies in India
- A) Winston Churchill
  - B) Macaulay
  - C) Matthew Arnold
  - D) Carlyle
36. Which of the following theories of the origin of human speech is based on the imitation of sounds of creatures or objects?
- A) The Ding-dong theory
  - B) The Pooh-pooh theory
  - C) The Bow-bow theory
  - D) The Gesture theory
37. Which of the following dialects became the standard variety of the English language?
- A) East Midland
  - B) Southern
  - C) West Midland
  - D) Northern
38. i-mutation occurred in
- A) Old English
  - B) Middle English
  - C) Anglo- English
  - D) Modern English
39. "To Pass away" is an example of .....meaning "to die"
- A) prudery
  - B) transference
  - C) euphemism
  - D) colouring
40. Who contributed the word "pandemonium" to the English language?
- A) Spenser
  - B) Shakespeare
  - C) Milton
  - D) Johnson
41. "....." is defined as a minimal meaningful unit.
- A) Phoneme
  - B) Morpheme
  - C) Allophone
  - D) Allomorph

42. "I don't know where to go". Identify the sentence pattern
- A) SVOA
  - B) SVOC
  - C) SVOO
  - D) SVO
43. "Competence" and "performance" are the terms coined by
- A) Wilga Rivers
  - B) Bloomfield
  - C) Noam Chomsky
  - D) Saussure
44. Who of the following defends the merits of English drama?
- A) Crities
  - B) Eugenius
  - C) Licideius
  - D) Neander
45. Whom does Keats call "Mean of Achievement"?
- A) Wordsworth
  - B) Coleridge
  - C) Shakespeare
  - D) Spenser
46. T.S. Eliot praises the metaphysical poets for their fusion of
- A) idea and feeling
  - B) thought and emotion
  - C) feeling and emotion
  - D) fact and fiction
47. Which of the following, according I.A. Richards, is one of the four kinds of meaning?
- A) Tone
  - B) Substance
  - C) Beauty
  - D) Emotion
48. Who considers literacy criticism "a science"?
- A) I.A. Richards
  - B) T.S. Eliot
  - C) Northrop Frye
  - D) Cleanth Brooks

49. Value Education means
- A) Religious educating
  - B) Moral Education
  - C) Cost Education
  - D) Economic of Education
50. Punishment is
- A) Reinforcement
  - B) Negative Reinforcement
  - C) Positive Reinforcement
  - D) Encouragement
51. Growth and development of the child are determined by two factors
- A) heredity and school
  - B) school and home
  - C) home and society
  - D) heredity and environment
52. Learning in free atmosphere was advocated by
- A) Montessori
  - B) Gagne
  - C) J. Krishnamurthy
  - D) Gandhiji
53. There is a tendency for all of us to seek our faults in others is termed as
- A) introjection
  - B) repression
  - C) projection
  - D) rationalization
54. What is the principle behind individualized instruction?
- A) Reinforcement and learning
  - B) Accommodation
  - C) Adaptation
  - D) Schemes
55. Who advocated the method of "Learning by doing"?
- A) A.S. Neil
  - B) John Dewey
  - C) Bertrand Russell
  - D) Kilpatrick
56. Which of the following plays the major role in social development of a child?
- A) School
  - B) Family
  - C) Society
  - D) Neighbours

57. A useful teaching-learning method for a low learners is
- A) Lecture
  - B) Self-learning
  - C) Memorising
  - D) Group learning
58. Attempts to train defectives and delinquents, so as to make them as far as possible, useful and efficient members of the community is called
- A) Remedial instruction
  - B) Programmed instruction
  - C) Physical instruction
  - D) Religious instruction
59. DIET stands for
- A) District institute for Employment of teachers
  - B) District institute of Education and Training
  - C) District institute of elementary teacher and training
  - D) District institute of Educational Technology
60. In an intelligence test a ten year old boy is found to have a mental age of This I.Q. is calculated as
- A) 100
  - B) 120
  - C) 110
  - D) 90
61. Self actualization is defined as “the full development of personal potential” by
- A) Rotter
  - B) Maslow
  - C) McClelland
  - D) Hull.
62. School started by Madam Montessori was known as
- A) Children’s House
  - B) Boys School
  - C) Summer Hill School
  - D) Girl’s School
63. MLL represents
- A) Marginal level of learning
  - B) Maximum level of learning
  - C) Motor learning level
  - D) Minimum level of learning

64. The name of the educational policy of Gandhiji is
- Social Education
  - Basic Education
  - Technical Education
  - Rural Education
65. A period showing no progress in a learning curve is termed as
- error
  - inhibition
  - plateau
  - terminal point
66. Group factor theory of intelligence was proposed by
- Spearman
  - Thorndike
  - Thurstone
  - Guilford
67. I.Q. can be calculated using the formula
- $\frac{\text{mental age}}{\text{chronological age}} \star 100$
  - $\frac{\text{Chronological age}}{\text{Mental age}} \star 100$
  - $\frac{\text{Mental age}}{\text{chronological age}}$
  - $\frac{\text{Chronological age}}{\text{Mental age}}$
68. Which type of thinking is very essential for creativity ?
- Positive thinking
  - Convergent thinking
  - Practical thinking
  - Divergent thinking
69. Which Article of the constitution of India advocates free and compulsory school education?
- Article 354
  - Article 45
  - Article 30
  - Article 31
70. The most effective way of character formation in students is to
- advise the students frequently
  - narrate about the lives of great men and women
  - organise religious functions in the school
  - make them sing songs.
71. The agency which helps to improve the quality of school Education at state level in

- A) NCERT
- B) NCTE
- C) SCERT
- D) DTE.

72. Education leads to the modification of

- A) Attitude
- B) Behaviour
- C) Life
- D) Interest

73. in Indian history who is known as the “Indian Napoleon”?

- A) Asoka
- B) Chandra gupta II
- C) Chanakya
- D) Samudragupta

74. The Boundary line between India and china is known as

- A) Radcliffe line
- B) Durand line
- C) McMahan line
- D) Magnot line

75. Which of the following countries is called the “Land of white Elephants”?

- A) Malaysia
- B) Thailand
- C) Canada
- D) Ethiopia

76. who was the founder of brahmo samaj?

- A) Raja rammohan roy
- B) Rabindranath tagore
- C) Keshab Chandra sen
- D) M.G. Ranade

77. Malaria is caused by

- A) Plasmodium
- B) Virus
- C) DNA
- D) Bacterium.

78. Which of the following dynasties was not in power during the Sangam age?

- A) Pandyas
- B) Cheras
- C) Cholas
- D) Pallavas

79. Which country did Italy beat in the finals of the FIFA World Cup 2006?

- A) Germany
- B) France
- C) Portugal
- D) Spain

80. How many pilgrims set out on pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Thomas Becket at Canterbury?

- A) 27
- B) 28
- C) 29
- D) 30

81. The character Una in Spenser's *The Faerie Queene* = Book I stands for

- A) Falsehood
- B) Chaetity
- C) Aerogance
- D) Truth

82. Who introduced the Italian sonnet form into England?

- A) Surrey
- B) Wyatt
- C) Chaucer
- D) Shakespeare

83. What, according to Bacon, has "the shadow of a lie"?

- A) Truth
- B) Fancy
- C) Fiction
- D) Imagination.

84. Who of the following is not one of the friends who argues with Job?

- A) Isaiah
- B) Zophar
- C) Eliphaz
- D) Bildad

85. "was this the face that launched a thousand ships and burnt topless towers of Ilium whose face is referred to here ?
- A) Cleopatra
  - B) Helen of Troy
  - C) Calpurnia
  - D) the paramour of Alexander the Great
86. Thomas Kyd's *The Spanish Tragedy* was modeled on
- A) the Senecan tragedy
  - B) the Greek tragedy
  - C) the Shakespearean tragedy
  - D) the classical tragedy
87. Who are canonized in Donne's "Canonization" ?
- A) Lovers
  - B) Martyrs
  - C) Ascetics
  - D) Poets
88. Milton's *Paradise Lost* is written in
- A) Terza rima
  - B) Heroic couplet
  - C) Free verse
  - D) Blank verse
89. "O dark, dark amid the blaze of noon irrecoverably dark total eclipse, Without all hope of day" whose cry is this ?
- A) Lucifer
  - B) Samson Agonistes
  - C) Harapha
  - D) Adam
90. Which of the following works of Milton was vehemently criticized by Dr. Johnson ?
- A) *Samson Agonistes*
  - B) *Paradise Lost*
  - C) *Lycidas*
  - D) *Comus*
91. John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress* is
- A) a political satire
  - B) a religious allegory
  - C) a religious satire
  - D) a political allegory

92. The alternative title of Dryden's All for love is
- A) The world ever Lost
  - B) The lost World
  - C) The World Never Lost
  - D) The World Well Lost
93. Folble is a character in
- A) Fielding's Tom Jones
  - B) Congreve's the Way of the World
  - C) Dryden's All for Love
  - D) Sheridan's The School for Scandal.
94. The Rope of the Lock is written in
- A) Tripiet
  - B) Free verse
  - C) Blank verse
  - D) Heroic couplets
95. Who of the following hears " the still sad music of humanity" ?
- A) Wordsworth
  - B) Coleridge
  - C) Keats
  - D) Shelley.
96. Which of the following images is not found on the Grecian Urn ?
- A) Mysterious priest
  - B) Bold Lover
  - C) Desolate Youth
  - D) Happy Melodist.
97. The subtitle of Wordsworth's The prelude is
- A) The growth of my mind
  - B) The growth of a Poet's Mind
  - C) The growth of a Poet's life
  - D) The growth of My Life
98. Shelley's Adonais is an elegy on the death of
- A) Milton
  - B) Wordsworth
  - C) Keats
  - D) Byron.

99. Who of the following is one of the poets Hazlitt became acquainted with ?
- A) Coleridge
  - B) Alexander Pope
  - C) T.S.Eliot
  - D) Collins.
100. Who considers the poet “a nightingale” ?
- A) Shelley
  - B) Wordsworth
  - C) Coleridge
  - D) Keats
101. “Oh lift me a wave. a leaf, a ..... I fall upon the thorns of life I and I bleed” Supply the missing word.
- A) cloud
  - B) bird
  - C) dust
  - D) reed
102. These lines occur in
- A) Browning’s “Andrea del sarto”
  - B) Tennyson’s “Morte D’Arthur”
  - C) Arnold’s “The scholar Gypay”
  - D) W.B. Yeats “Byzantium”
103. W.B. Yeats presents the city of Byzantium as a symbol of
- A) death
  - B) life
  - C) rebirth
  - D) elernity
104. Hopkins’ “the Wreek of the Deutachland” can be called
- A) an elegy
  - B) a religious satire
  - C) an ode
  - D) an idyll.

105. Virginia Woolf uses “lighthouse” in her novel *To the Lighthouse* as a symbol of ..... In human life.
- A) steadfastness
  - B) light and darkness
  - C) guidance
  - D) joy and sorrow.
106. The frustration of high minded idealist is the theme of
- A) George Elliot’s *Middlemarch*
  - B) Dickens’ *The great Expectations*
  - C) Hardy’s *Jude the Obscure*
  - D) Graham Greene’s *The Power and the Glory*
107. Who wants to “unsex” herself?
- A) Miranda
  - B) Lady Macbeth
  - C) Isabella
  - D) Cleopatra
108. What does Emerson say the American scholar should avoid ?
- A) Becoming Man-thinking
  - B) The influence of Nature
  - C) Becoming Man of action
  - D) Excessive European literary influence
109. The figure of speech used in the title “ Street Car Named desire” by Tennessee Williams is
- A) Simile
  - B) Metaphor
  - C) Personification
  - D) Synecdoche.
110. How does Ezekiel call himself in his autobiographical poem, “Background Causally” ?
- A) A Poet
  - B) A Clown
  - C) A rascal
  - D) A poet-rascal-clown.

111. A Shakespearean sonnet closes with
- A) a couplet
  - B) a triplet
  - C) a quatrain
  - D) a terza rima
112. "Death, death, death, death," This line occurs in
- A) Walt Whitman's "Passage to Indian"
  - B) Walt Whitman's "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking"
  - C) Hart Crane's "Poem To Brooklyn bridge"
  - D) E.E.Cummings "The Cambridge Ladies"
113. Wuthering Heights of the Earnshaws is contrasted with ... of the Lintons.
- A) Thrushcross Grange
  - B) Moorland
  - C) Yorkshire
  - D) Northanger
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- A) Browning's "Andrea del Sarto"
  - B) Tennyson's "Morte D'Arthur"
  - C) Arnold's "The Scholar Gypay"
  - D) W.B.Yeats' "Byzantium"
115. Sylvia Plath in "Daddy".....her father
- A) offers a tribute to
  - B) condemns the behavior of
  - C) expresses a mixed feeling about
  - D) compares her husband with
116. Lawrence in Gurucharan Das Larins sahib is obsessed with
- A) unslackening loyalty
  - B) undying fame
  - C) royal power
  - D) royal love
117. What does Chinua Achebe recommend for young writers?
- A) Objective Art
  - B) Genuine Art
  - C) Applied Art
  - D) Pure Art

118. Aristotle's Poetics deals with his theoretical assumptions on
- A) tragedy
  - B) literature
  - C) poetry
  - D) philosophy
119. The English critical tradition is said to have started with
- A) Sidney's Apologie for Poetrie
  - B) Pope's "Essay on Criticism"
  - C) Dryden's Essay of Dramatic Poesie
  - D) Johnson's Preface to Shakespeare
120. What is "Journalese"?
- A) A group of journals
  - B) A news source
  - C) A distinct variety of a language used in journalism
  - D) The mechanics of writing used in journalism
121. The Period between.....has been described as the Age of Reason
- A) 1830-1910
  - B) 1660-1800
  - C) 1558-1609
  - D) 1910-1940
122. Who cannot be considered "a post-modernist thinker"?
- A) Jean Baudrillard
  - B) Michel Foucault
  - C) Martin Heidegger
  - D) Louis Althusser
123. The Indo-European parent language has been split up into.....groups
- A) 5
  - B) 6
  - C) 7
  - D) 8
124. The process, whereby a vowel is elided an the consonants on either side of it are run together, with the result that a syllable is lost, is called
- A) Differentiation
  - B) Syncopation
  - C) Metanalysis
  - D) Telescoping

125. "Hamartia" means
- A) reversal of action
  - B) pride
  - C) error of judgement
  - D) purgation of emotions such as pity and fear
126. Coleridge considers imagination
- A) a mechanical process
  - B) a synthetic power
  - C) the faculty of reason
  - D) a disintegrating process
127. Which of the following poems, according to Tate, is a fine example of poetry where intension and extension become one?
- A) "To His Coy Mistress"
  - B) "The Vine"
  - C) "Valediction: Forbidding Mourning"
  - D) "Hymn: To Light"
128. Who, according to Trilling, calls the historical sense "the Sixth sense"?
- A) Helen Gardner
  - B) Dr. Johnson
  - C) Nietzsche
  - D) T.S. Eliot
129. Cleanth Brooks considers irony "a.....principle of structure"
- A) unifying
  - B) disintegrating
  - C) dissociating
  - D) delimiting
130. An objective factor which determines attention in the classroom is
- A) interest
  - B) novelty
  - C) sentiment
  - D) attitude
131. There is a story about a fox, who unable to reach some grapes, proclaimed that they were sour. This is a kind of
- A) intellectualization
  - B) rationalization
  - C) negativism
  - D) egocentrism

132. Educationist Froebel is
- A) an idealist
  - B) a naturalist
  - C) a realist
  - D) a pragmatist
133. Robert Gagne's theory of hierarchical learning consists of
- A) 7 types of learning
  - B) 2 types of learning
  - C) 8 types of learning
  - D) 10 types of learning
134. A loud explosion is heard as you are teaching the class. What would you do?
- A) Stay in the class and send the class leader to find the details
  - B) Walk out of the class to know details
  - C) Run to neighboring class for information
  - D) Advise the students to get away from the class in an orderly manner
135. Who of the following is associated with the theory of "Laissez-faire" in Economics?
- A) Malthus
  - B) Marshall
  - C) Adam Smith
  - D) Keynes
136. Article 14 of the Constitution of India deals with
- A) Equality before law
  - B) Abolition of untouchability
  - C) Freedom of speech
  - D) Freedom of religion
137. Dynamo is a device for converting
- A) electricity to mechanical energy
  - B) mechanical energy to electrical energy
  - C) magnetism to electricity
  - D) electricity to magnetism
138. Spenser's "Prothalamion" is called
- A) a spousal verse
  - B) a bridal verse
  - C) a spousal song
  - D) a bridal song

139. Vindictive persons, according to Bacon, live the life of the  
A) Devils  
B) Ghosts  
C) Witches  
D) Evil spirits
140. Which of the following is not one of the four 'humours'?  
A) Sanguine  
B) Melancholic  
C) Phlegmatic  
D) Syllogistic
141. Whom does Philip Sidney call "the right popular philosopher"?  
A) The tragedian  
B) The comedian  
C) The poet  
D) The sonneteer
142. George Herbert's use of 'pulley' is an example of  
A) Metonymy  
B) Simile  
C) Metaphor  
D) Metaphysical conceit
143. Name the river Andrew Marvell makes a reference to in "To His Coy Mistress"  
A) The Wye  
B) The Nile  
C) The Thames  
D) The Ganges
144. ".....we receive but what we give,  
And in our life alone does Nature live"  
Whose words are these?  
A) Shelley  
B) Wordsworth  
C) Keats  
D) Coleridge
145. Which of the following is the name of a dream-child in Charles Lamb's "Dream Children: A Reverie"?  
A) Fuller  
B) Isabella  
C) Alice  
D) Amelia

146. Arnold's "The Dover Beach" is marked with
- A) Nihilism
  - B) Scepticism
  - C) Hellenism
  - D) Optimism