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Question 1

The Synonym of 'Boisterous' is?

- A. Conflicting
- B. Noisy ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. None of these

Question 2

Which of the following novels is called a 'Novel without a Hero'?

- A. Pickwick Papers
- B. Vanity Fair ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Hill on the Floss
- D. None of these

Question 3

Who is the author of 'Piers Plowman'?

- A. William Langland ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Sir Thomas Malory
- C. Charles Dickens
- D. None of these

Question 4

William Shakespeare's longest play is _____?

- A. Hamlet ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Taming of the Shrew
- C. Romeo and Juliet
- D. None of these

Question 5

Who was appointed as the poet Laureate after William Wordsworth?

- A. Tennyson ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Robert Browning
- D. None of these

Question 6

Who is the author of 'Utopia'?

- A. Thomas More ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Cervantes
- C. Machiavelli
- D. None of these

Question 7

Which of the following works was not written by John Milton?

- A. Absalom and Achitophel ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. L'Allegro
- C. Lycidas
- D. None of these

Question 8

To whom did Spenser dedicate his Shepheardes Calendar?

- A. Queen Elizabeth
- B. Sir Philip Sidney ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Sir Walter Raleigh
- D. None of these

Question 9

Whom did Aristotle consider the most tragic of the Greek dramatists?

chylus

- B. Euripides ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Sophocles
- D. None of these

Question 10

Who made a distinction between 'Fancy' and 'Imagination'?

- A. Coleridge ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Southey
- C. Wordsworth
- D. None of these

Question 11

Aristotle said of 'Chorus' in Greek tragedy that _____?

- A. It should be regarded as one of the actors. ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. It should only comment on the action.
- C. It should make only reports.
- D. None of these

Question 12

Who is the author of 'Symposium'?

- A. Aristotle
- B. Dante
- C. Plato ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

Which was the first novel of Charles Dickens?

- A. The Pickwick Papers ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Hard Times
- C. Oliver Twist
- D. None of these

Question 14

'Sweet are the uses of adversity' this line is related to which play of Shakespeare?

- A. As You Like It ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. The Merchant of Venice
- C. Romeo and Juliet
- D. None of these

Question 15

After whom did Wordsworth become the poet Laureate of England?

- A. Dryden
- B. Robert Southey ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Walter Scott
- D. None of these

Question 16

'Elia' is the pen name of which of the following authors?

- A. Thomas Hardy
- B. Francis Bacon
- C. Charles Lamb ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

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A figure of speech wherein a comparison is made between two unlike quantities without the use of the words 'like' or 'as'?

- A. Soliloquy
- B. Metaphor ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Analogy
- D. None of these

Question 18

Which of the following is the 19th-century woman novelist?

- A. Ezra Pound
- B. Virginia Woolf
- C. George Eliot ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

Question 19

Which is called the Golden Period of English Literature?

- A. Victorian Age
- B. Elizabethan Age ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Augustan Age
- D. None of these

Question 20

The phrase 'Pathetic Fallacy' is coined by?

- A. John Ruskin ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Milton
- C. Coleridge

Question 21

Who is the Villain in 'Hamlet'?

- A. Horatio
- B. Claudius ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Laertes
- D. None of these

Question 22

Which of the following is not a play written by Shakespeare?

- A. Pygmalion ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Tempest
- C. The Merchant of Venice
- D. None of these

Question 23

What period in English Literature is called the "Augustan Age"?

- A. Early 16th Century
- B. Early 18th Century ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. 17th Century
- D. None of these

Question 24

What is the name of Wordsworth's long poem?

- A. The Prelude ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. The Canterbury Tales

- D. None of these

Question 25

Aristotle classified plot into 'Simple and Complex' on the basis of _____?

- A. Sublimity & Decorum
- B. Hamartia & Catharsis
- C. Anagnorisis & Peripeteia ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

Question 26

Which is the famous elegy written by Shelley?

- A. Adonais ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. In Memoriam
- C. Lycidas
- D. None of these

Question 27

_____ are articulated by raising the back of the tongue towards the soft palate.

- A. Velar ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Post-alveolar
- C. Alveolar
- D. None of these

Question 28

Which among the following is an example of an acronym?

- A. UNESCO ✓ **Correct answer**

- C. Buzz
- D. None of these

Question 29

The term 'Diglossia' was introduced by?

- A. Charles Ferguson ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. William Labov
- C. Baker
- D. None of these

Question 30

'Speech Act Theory' was developed by?

- A. William Labov
- B. J.L. Austin ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Piaget
- D. None of these

Question 31

An auxiliary language which arises to fulfil certain limited communication needs among people who have no common language is known as?

- A. Pidgin ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Lingua Franca
- C. Creole
- D. None of these

A grammar containing properties common to all languages and innately present in human beings is called?

- A. Transformational Grammar
- B. Universal Grammar ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Syntax
- D. None of these

Question 33

Language learning processes, like how language is acquired, how language is stored in the brain, how language is accessed and processed by the brain, are studied under?

- A. Psycho-linguistics ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Socio-linguistics
- C. Applied linguistics
- D. None of these

Question 34

Who introduced in linguistics the concept similar to Saussure’s 'Langue and Parole'?

- A. Noam Chomsky ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Leonard Bloomfield
- C. Charles Sanders Peirce
- D. None of these

Question 35

_____ are gliding sounds and during their articulation, the speech organs glide from one vowel position to another.

- A. Semi-vowels

- C. Triphthongs
- D. None of these

Question 36

_____ is a process of word formation by which new words are formed by attaching prefixes or suffixes to the base form?

- A. Derivation ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Compounding
- C. Portmanteau
- D. None of these

Question 37

The preceding sound influencing the following sound is an instance of _____ assimilation?

- A. Regressive
- B. Reciprocal
- C. Progressive ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

Question 38

The historical approach to language study, which investigates changes in languages through time is said to be?

- A. Diachronic ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Synchronic
- C. Idiosyncrasy
- D. None of these

The syllables in which the consonants function as a nucleus are called?

- A. Suffixes
- B. Syllabic consonants ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Sibilants
- D. None of the above

Question 40

The term used for the non-linguistic aspects of speaking is?

- A. Metalanguage
- B. Protolanguage
- C. Paralanguage ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

Question 41

_____ is a term introduced by Noam Chomsky to describe the actual use of language in concrete situations.

- A. Paradigmatic
- B. Performance ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Parole
- D. None of these

Question 42

I wanted a book _____ Oscar Wilde and asked the librarian to show _____ me some _____ his books.

- A. By/to/by
- B. By/-/of ✓ **Correct answer**

- D. None of these

Question 43

My aunt lived on the _____ ground floor of an old house on River Thames.

- A. A/an/a
- B. The/an/the ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. -/an/the
- D. None of these

Question 44

The Synonym of PLAINTIVE is?

- A. Senseless
- B. Joyous
- C. Mournful ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

Question 45

The Antonym of TREPIDATION is?

- A. Fearlessness ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Slowness
- C. Amputation
- D. None of these

Question 46

Analogy of SARTORIAL : TAILOR ::

- A. Terpsichorean : dancer ✓ **Correct answer**

splain : designer

- C. Historic : singer
- D. None of these

Question 47

Analogy of INCUBATOR : INFANT ::

- A. Hive : bee
- B. Greenhouse : plant ✓ **Correct answer**
- C. Archives : document
- D. None of these

Question 48

This afternoon, we are to _____ on the relationship between literature and philosophy.

- A. Emphasise
- B. Pinpoint
- C. Focus ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. Spotlight

Question 49

I’m afraid my youngest son has never been particularly quick on the _____?

- A. Uptake ✓ **Correct answer**
- B. Upkeep
- C. Uptorn
- D. None of these

Question 50

This neighborhood looks a little _____ and tatty these day.

l-heeled

- B. Well-off
- C. Run down ✓ **Correct answer**
- D. None of these

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