

PRACTICE SET – 1

1. Which of the following writers did not get the Nobel Prize?
 (a) Octavio Paz (b) R.N. Tagore
 (c) Aurobindo (d) W.B. Yeats
2. Who wrote the following lines:
 “The wind disentangles itself from your
 frenzied body as hurricanes of dreams follow
 me”
 (a) Nissim Ezekiel (b) R. Parthasarthy
 (c) Jayanta Mahapatra (d) Pritish Nandy
3. Which one of the following is not Gurdial
 Singh’s novel
 (a) Addh Chanini Rat (Night of the Half -
 Moon)
 (b) Parsa (c) Godan
 (d) Marhi Da Deeva (The Last Flicker)
4. Who made the sensational pronouncement of
 “end of ideology” in 1960
 (a) David Bell (b) Graham Greene
 (c) Mulk Raj Anand (d) Octavio Paz
5. Gurdial Singh was born in
 (a) 1930 (b) 1931
 (c) 1932 (d) 1933
6. The Broad Church, which aimed at promoting
 the cooperation of different groups and
 nationalities, consisted of :
 (a) Matthew Arnold - Richard Whatley - Julius
 Hare
 (b) Benjamin Jowett - Mark Pattison - A.P.
 Stanley
 (c) Water Pater - Cardinal Newman - Thomas
 Huxley
 (d) Thomas Arnold - George Eliot - Paul Clifford
7. Which of the following arrangements of
 Dickens' novels is in correct chronological
 sequence ?
 (a) Pickwick Papers - Nicholas Nickleby Oliver
 Twist - Old Curiosity Shop - Barnaby
 Rudge - Martin Chuzzlewit - A Christmas
 Carol - Dombey and Son - David
 Copperfield - Hard Times - A Tale of Two
 Cities - Great Expectations
- (b) Nicholas Nickleby - David Copperfield -
 Oliver Twist - Pickwick Papers - Barnaby
 Rudge - Old Curiosity Shop - A Christmas
 Carol - Martin Chuzzlewit - Great
 Expectations - A Tale of Two Cities - Hard
 Times
8. Riders to the Sea is a play written by -
 (a) J.M. Synge
 (b) Harley Granville - Barker
 (c) John Galsworthy (d) T.W. Robertson
9. Which of the following arrangements of
 Galsworthy's plays is in the correct
 chronological order ?
 (a) Loyalties - Strife - The Skin Game - Escape
 - Justice - The Silver Box
 (b) The Skin Game - Escape - Justice - Strife -
 The Silver Box - Loyalties
 (c) Strife - Escape - The Skin Game - Loyalties
 - Justice - The Silver Box
 (d) The Silver Box - Strife - Justice - The Skin
 Game - Loyalties - Escape
10. Falder is a character in :
 (a) Galsworthy's Justice
 (b) G.B. Shaw's Arms and the Man
 (c) J.M. Synge's The Well of the Saints
 (d) Galsworthy's Loyalties
11. Sir Ralf Bloomfield Bonnington is a character
 in G.B. Shaw's :
 (a) Candida
 (b) Man and Superman
 (c) The Doctor's Dilemma
 (d) Pygmalion
12. G.B. Shaw started writing dramatic criticism for:
 (a) The Pall Mall Gazette
 (b) Times Literary Supplement
 (c) The Saturday Review
 (d) The World
13. The Problem play is also known as :
 (a) The Drama of Ideas
 (b) The Propaganda Play
 (c) The Drama of Conflict
 (d) The Sentimental Play

14. Identify from the following options the dramatist who does not introduce any villain in his plays ?
 (a) John Drinkwater (b) Harold Pinter
 (c) G.B. Shaw (d) A.W. Pinero
15. What was the most revolutionary deed done by Aristotle, regarding human rights and freedom, which he did before his death?
 (a) He wrote Poetics
 (b) He inverted most of Plato's theories
 (c) He liberated all his slaves through his will
 (d) He noted down everything that he studied at Plato's Academy
16. Which critic is most associated with the view that "Poetry is criticism of life."
 (a) Dryden (b) Eliot
 (c) Wordsworth (d) Matthew Arnold
17. What did Byron die of
 (a) heart failure (b) fever
 (c) dysentery (d) gouts
18. Who among the following playwrights in the outstanding product of The English Stage Company ?
 (a) Brian Friel
 (b) John James Cyborne
 (c) Noel Coward (d) Samuel Beckett
19. Jimmy Poster, the vituperative anti-hero, who is the archetype of the Angry Young Man, appears in John Osborne's famous play -
 (a) The Entertainer
 (b) Look Back in Anger
 (c) Evidence (d) The West of Suez
20. Harold Pinter, a playwright of international status, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in :
 (a) 2000 (b) 2002
 (c) 2003 (d) 2005
21. Who among the following playwrights is known for his love for cricket?
 (a) John Whiting (b) Harold Pinter
 (c) Henry Living (d) Rex Warner
22. The Introduction to the 1987 edition of An Anthology of Twentieth Century New Zealand Poetry was written by -
 (a) James K. Baxter
 (b) Vincent O' Sullivan
 (c) Danis Glover (d) Allen Curnow
23. Identify the correct group consisting of Wallington Group of poets -
 (a) Allen Curnow - James K. Baxter - Maurice Gee - Albert Bendt
 (b) Ruth Dallas - Charles Brasch - Charles Spears - Basic Bowling
 (c) John K. Baxter - W.H. Oliver - Alistair Campbell - Louis Johnson
 (d) None of these
24. Who among the following writers won the Booker Prize for Literature in 1985?
 (a) Keri Hulme
 (b) Alexnader Bathgate
 (c) Ellen Ellis
 (d) Vincent Pyke
25. The novels of the early period in New Zealand were written on Maori life. Who were the Maori?
 (a) The immigrants from Asia
 (b) The immigrants from Africa
 (c) The earliest inhabitants of New Zealand
 (d) None of these
26. The Rebel Chief: A Romance of New Zealand, a novel as Maori life, is written by -
 (a) George Chamier (b) Dugald Ferguson
 (c) Hume Nisbet (d) Grossman
27. The Maori At Home is a famous novel by ?
 (a) John White (b) Henry Butler
 (c) Lady Campbell Hume Nisbet
 (d) Jena Devanny
28. Identify the correct group of novelists who pioneered the feminist fiction in New Zealand-
 (a) Vincent Pyke - Henry Butler Stunly
 (b) Eleen Ellis - Vogel
 (c) Hume Nishet - Lady Campbell Hume Nisbet
 (d) None of these
29. Name the critic who enunciated the theory of Deconstruction :
 (a) Jacques Derrida (b) Edward Sevid
 (c) Nina Baym (d) Stanley Fish
30. Who pioneered the Feminist criticism ?
 (a) Patrocinio P. Schweickart
 (b) Gyatri C. Spivak
 (c) Elain Showalter (d) None of these
31. Identify the correct group of the exponents of

- the Reader-Response Theory or the Reception Theory :
- (a) E.D. Hirsch - Stanley Fish - Patrocinia P. Schweickart - Jonathan Culler
 - (b) J. Hillis Miller - Michel Foucault - Terry Eagleton - Stephen Greenblatt
 - (c) Rene Wellek - Roman Jakobson - Edward Said
 - (d) None of these
32. Bhabani Bhattacharya was awarded the Sahitya Academy Award (1967) for his famous novel :
- (a) Music for Mohini
 - (b) So Many Hungers
 - (c) A Goddess Named Gold
 - (d) Shadow From Ladakh
33. Which is the latest novel, published in 2005, of Salman Rushdie ?
- (a) Shalimar the Clown
 - (b) The Moor's Last Sigh
 - (c) The Satanic Verses
 - (d) Fury
34. The Company of Women and Delhi are novels written by :
- (a) Khushwant Singh
 - (b) Chaman Mahal
 - (c) Manohar Malgonkar
 - (d) Vikram Seth
35. Who among the following novelists was influenced by Camu, Sartre, Kierkegaard, *the Gita* and Mahatma Gandhi?
- (a) Bhabani Bhattacharya
 - (b) Arun Joshi
 - (c) Upmanyu Chatterjee
 - (d) Amitav Ghosh
36. What is a Heroic Couplet ?
- (a) It is a two-line stanza having eight syllables in each line
 - (b) It is a two-lines stanza having ten syllables in each line
 - (c) It is a two-line stanza having two rhyming lines in iambic Pentameter
 - (d) It is a two-line stanza having two rhyming lines in any metre
37. What is meant by enjambed couplets ?
- (a) The couplets in which the sense completes at the end of each couplet
 - (b) The couplets in which the sense runs on from one couplet to another
 - (c) The couplets in which the last line contains an extra syllable
 - (d) The couplets in which the last line is short by one syllable
38. What is an Alexandrine ?
- (a) A line of four iambic feet occasionally used in a Heroic couplet
 - (b) A line of six iambic feet occasionally used in a Heroic couplet
 - (c) A line without iambic metre occasionally used in a Heroic couplet
 - (d) A line without end-stop occasionally used in a Heroic couplet
39. What is Terza Rima ?
- (a) Terza Rima is a three-line stanza of rhyming lines
 - (b) Terza Rima is an end-stop three-line stanza
 - (c) Terza Rima is a run-on three-line stanza with a fixed rhyme-scheme
 - (d) Terza Rima is a run-on three-line stanza with varying rhyme-schemes
40. What is Rhyme Royal stanza ?
- (a) Rhyme Royal stanza is a seven-line stanza in any metre
 - (b) Rhyme Royal stanza is a seven-line stanza in iambic pentameter
 - (c) Rhyme Royal stanza is a seven-line stanza in iambic hexameter
 - (d) Rhyme Royal stanza is a seven-line stanza in iambic septameter
41. What is Ottava Rima ?
- (a) It is an eight-line stanza in iambic pentameter with a fixed rhyme-scheme
 - (b) It is an eight-line stanza with varying rhyme-schemes in iambic pentameter
 - (c) It is an eight-line stanza made-up of four Heroic couplets
 - (d) It is an eight-line stanza made-up of two Terza Rima and a Heroic couplet
42. What is Spenserian stanza ?
- (a) It is a nine-line stanza consisting of two quatrains in iambic pentameter, rounded off with an Alexandrine