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1. Who wrote the famous American play The Iceman Cometh?
   (a) John Osborne  (b) Eugene O'Neill
   (c) Earnest Hemingway  (d) Walt Whitman

2. Bob Smith is the central figure in which of the following plays of O'Neill?
   (a) The Iceman Cometh  (b) The Farewell to Arms
   (c) The Hairy Ape  (d) None of the above

3. How does Yank, the central character in The Hairy Ape differs from Aristotelean tragic heroes?
   (a) He doesn't meet a sad end despite his flaws
   (b) He meets a sad end without having any tragic flaw
   (c) There is a sudden reversal of fate at the end which is different from Aristotelean tragedy.
   (d) None of the above

4. Who wrote the Leaves of Grass, one of the classics of world poetry?
   (a) Walt Whitman  (b) Robert Frost
   (c) T.S. Eliot  (d) Emily Dickinson

5. In which of his poems given below do we witness Whitman's uninhibited treatment of sex?
   (a) Children of Adam  (b) Spontaneous Me
6. Who wrote I Felt a Funeral in My Brain?
(a) Walt Whitman       (b) Eugene O'Neill
(c) Emily Dickinson     (d) Robert Frost

7. Which of the following poems is written by Robert Frost?
(a) Calamus            (b) Blueberries
(c) A Light Exists in spring     (d) Modern Age Man

8. Which of the following is an elegy on the death of Abraham Lincoln?
(a) O Captain! My Captain     (b) I Hear America Singing
(c) Because I Could Not Stop for Death (d) Stopping by Woods.

9. The Old Man and the Sea recounts the 84 days' adventure of
(a) Matadors       (b) Santiago
(c) The author      (d) Philip

10. Steinbeck's novel Grapes of Wrath is the story of
(a) Quentin family (b) The Negro community
(c) Joad family     (d) Colonialism in Africa

11. Roderick Hudson is written by
(a) James Joyce   (b) Henry James
(c) Tobias Smollett   (d) Henry Fielding

12. Who is the author of Caleb William and St. Leon?
(a) Hanah More   (b) Mrs. Inchbaid
(c) Horace Walpole    (d) William Godwin
13. "Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our life sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time."
Who wrote these lines?

(a) Lord Tennyson  (b) H.W. Longfellow
(c) Walt Whitman  (d) Robert Browning

14. The Scarlet Letter is written by

(a) Mark Twain  (b) Charles Dickens
(c) Virginia Woolf  (d) Nathaniel Hawthorne

15. Who of the following is known as the pioneer of the modern detective stories?

(a) Edgar Allan Poe  (b) Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
(c) Agatha Christie  (d) Anna K. Green

16. The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian is written by

(a) V.S. Naipaul  (b) Nirad C. Chaudhary
(c) S. Radhakrishnan  (d) Manohar Malgonkar

17. Age of Innocence is

(a) a book of verse by William Blake  (b) a novel by Edith Wharton
(c) a play by Eugene O'Neil  (d) an absurd drama by Edward Albee

18. Mr. Zero is the main character in

(a) Elmer Rice's Adding Machine  (b) Samuel Beckett's Waiting for Godot
(c) Edward Albee's the Sandbox  (d) Robert Penn Warren's All The King's Men

19. Isaac Asimove invented the Three Laws of Robotics in his stories which are given below. Identify the first law.
20. Tender is The Night is written by

(a) William Faulkner  
(b) F. Scott Fitzgerald  
(c) Ernest Hemingway  
(d) Walt Whitman

21. Sister Carrie is

(a) The name of a nun  
(b) The heroine of Edith Wharton's novelette Summer  
(c) A novel by Dresier T.  
(d) A play by O'Neill

22. Who received the Commonwealth Writers Prize, 1994?

(a) Amit Chaudhary - A Strange and Sublime Address  
(b) Sashi Tharoor - Show Business  
(c) Upamanyu Chatterjee - English August  
(d) Vikram Seth - A Suitable Boy

23. Isabel Archer is the romantic heroine of

(a) The Portrait of a Lady - Henry James  
(b) Herzog - Saul Bellow  
(c) Catch-22 - Joseph Heller  
(d) Roderick Hudson - Henry James

24. Tales of the Grotesque and Arabesque is a collection of stories by

(a) O'Henry  
(b) Anton Tchekov  
(c) Edgar Allan Poe  
(d) Sylvia Plath

25. Which one is Sylvia Plath's novel?

(a) Ariel
(b) The Colossus
(c) The Bell Jar
(d) Catch-22

26. What is the name of Walt Whitman's poem celebrating the completion of the Suez Canal and the Transcontinental Railroad?

(a) A Passage to India  (b) Passage to India
(c) Train to Pakistan  (d) Indian Wonderland

27. Grapes of Wrath is written by

(a) John Steinbeck  (b) F. Scott. Fitzgerald
(c) Gertrude Stein  (d) Nathaniel Hawthorne

28. An Indian-born Canadian poet and novelist received one of the following awards in 1993. Identify the award.

(a) Poet of Peace  (b) Encore Prize
(c) Kothavale Award  (d) Asan Prize

29. Joan Brady, a former ballet dancer received one of the following prizes for her book Theory of War. She is the first woman to get this prize. Name the prize.

(a) Asan Prize  (b) Whitebread Book of the Year
(c) National Book Award, USA  (d) Encore Prize


(a) Vikram Seth  (b) Amitav Ghose
(c) Salman Rushdie  (d) Nirad C. Chaudhary

31. Who wrote under the pen-name Saki?

(a) H.H. Munro  (b) N.E. McNeile
(c) William Forter  (d) K.A. Abbas
32. V.S. Naipaul’s The Mimic Men is about
   (a) an exiled Roman king  
   (b) an exiled Caribbean politician 
   (c) an Indian living in Trinidad  
   (d) an expatriate

33. The Naked and the Dead is written by
   (a) Ernest Hemingway
   (b) Norman Mailer
   (c) Arthur Miller
   (d) PG. Wodehouse

34. Finnegan’s Wake is
   (a) a poem by Robert Browning
   (b) a prose work by Jonathan Swift
   (c) a novel by Henry James
   (d) a prose work by James Joyce

35. Who translated Omar Khayyam into English?
   (a) Edward Fitzgerald
   (b) Scott Fitzgerald
   (c) Edgar Fawcet
   (d) Ford Madox Ford

36. Name the mathematician and philosopher who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950.
   (a) Bertrand Russell
   (b) Aldous Huxley
   (c) William James
   (d) James Joyce

37. Which one of the following is a verse novel?
   (a) Golden Gate
   (b) The Great Indian Novel
   (c) Music for Mohini
   (d) Ulysses

38. Kenaburo Oe of Japan received the Nobel Prize for literature 1994 for creating an imaginary world 
where life and myth condense to give a picture of the human situation. What kind of a world does 
he imagine?
   (a) Utopian - ideal like Sir Thomas More's Utopia
   (b) Arcadian - an earthly paradise as in Sir Philip Sidney's Arcadia
39. Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf? Is a
   (a) novel by Melville  (b) play by Edward Albee
   (c) critical study on Virginia Woolf's novels  (d) a poem by Toru Dutt

40. Who wrote under the pseudonym Mark Twain?
   (a) Washington Irving  (b) Samuel Langhorne Clemens
   (c) Walt Whitman  (d) Arthur Conan Doyle

41. The Prophet is written by
   (a) Salman Rushdie  (b) Franz Kafka
   (c) Khalil Gibran  (d) Abul Fazal

42. Albert Camus was a French existentialist. Given below is the list of his novels. Identify the novels not written by him.
   (a) The Trial  (b) The Plague
   (c) The Outsider  (d) None of the above

43. "I think I could turn and love with animals." These are the opening lines of a poem. Who is the poet?
   (a) Walt Whitman  (b) Robert Frost
   (c) William Wordsworth  (d) Ted Hughes

44. The author of Portrait of India is
   (a) V.S. Naipaul  (b) N.C. Chaudhary
   (c) Ved Mehta  (d) E.M. Forster

45. Who wrote My True Faces, Azadi, into another Dawn, the Crown and the Loincloth?
46. Which of the following is not Anita Desai's work?
   (a) In Custody  (b) Vices in the City  
   (c) A Silence of Desire  (d) Clear Light of Day

47. Edwin Markham once saw Millet's painting of a bowed, broken toiler. Making the French painting a symbol for the workers, he wrote a poem. Identify it.
   (a) 'Song of the Shirt'  (b) Two Tramps in Mud Time  
   (c) The Man with the Hoe'  (d) None of these

48. Only one of the following is not a collection of short stories. Identify it.
   (a) The Policeman and the Rose  (b) Into another Dawn  
   (c) Games at Twilight  (d) Bombay Beware

49. Which of the following is V.S. Naipaul's comic novel of colonial politics?
   (a) A House for Mr. Biswas  (b) The Mystic Masseur  
   (c) The Mimic Men  (d) In a Free State

50. Too Long in the West is written by
   (a) V.S. Naipaul  (b) Kamala Markandaya  
   (c) Nirad C. Chaudhary  (d) None of these

51. V.S. Naipaul's the Mystic Masseur received a prestigious prize. Name it.
   (a) Booker's  (b) Commonwealth  
   (c) Pulitzer  (d) Rhys Memorial

52. Where is R.K. Narayan's imaginary town Malgudi located?
53. When a Beginning, his first book of verse appeared, the poet was just 199. He received the Hawthornden prize the next year and became the youngest poet to get it. Name him.

(a) Keki N. Daruwala  
(b) Dom Moraes  
(c) Frank Moraes  
(d) A.K. Ramanujan

54. Who wrote Tughlaq, a successful stage play?

(a) Girish Kamad  
(b) Badal Sirkar  
(c) Mohan Rakesh  
(d) Vijay Tendulkar

55. In one of his novels Manohar Malgaonkar writes the story from the point of view of a Pakistani captain placed in Bangladesh (then East Pakistan). Name it.

(a) Distant Drums  
(b) Cactus Country  
(c) Combat of Shadow  
(d) A Bend in the Ganges

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