

Sample Paper M.A. English

Question	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
The phrase 'Peter Piper Picked' is	A Simile	A metaphor	An Alliteration	A Conceit
Match the quotes with their authors a. I am not Hamlet, nor was meant to be. 1. Dylan Thomas b. The horror! The Horror! 2. T.S. Eliot c. A terrible beauty is born 3. Joseph Conrad d. Do Not Go Gentle into that Good Night 4. W.B.Yeats	a-1, b-3, c-4, d-2	a-2 b-3, c-4, d-1	a-3, b-1, c-2, d-4	a-4, b-1, c-3, d-2
What is the meaning of "to wash dirty linen in public"?	to criticise wone's nature in public	to quarrel in the open	to do some ugly work in public	to discuss dirty and scandalous matters of personal nature in the presence of strangers
Which of the poems by Alfred Lord Tennyson is a dramatic monologue?	In Memorium	The Charge of the Light Brigade	Ulysses	Crossing the Bar
108. Shakespeare was born in	1560	1550	1564	1558
Which of Ben Jonson's play is a fine example of 'Comedy of Humours'?	Every Man in His Humour	The Alchemist	Volpone	Bartholomew Fair
Who attributed the title "the Nitingale of India" to Sarojini Naidu	Mahatama Gandhi	Rabindranath Tagore	Mulk Raj Anand	R. K. Narayan
The word opposite in meaning to 'Courtesy 'is	Aggression	Vulgarity	Immodesty	Rudeness
One who does a thing for pleasure and not as a profession	Amateur	Empirical	Philanderer	Imposter
The embassy turned _____my request for visa	down	over	on	off
Have you read the article _____ Time magazine _____ Google?	on/on	to/on	in/on	from/on

A monologue is	speech by one person	speech between two people	impromptu speech	extemporaneous speech
Which was first tragedy written in English Literature	Hamlet	The Alchemist	Gorboduc	Spanish Tragedy
The Victorian Age was known as the age of	Age of Revolutions	Age of Faith	Age of Doubt	Age of Romance
The Gothic Novel "The Mysteries of Udolpho" is written by	Jane Austen	Horace Wolpole	Matthew Lewis	Ann Radcliff
Who were called the 'Lake Poets'	Tennyson, Arnold, Browning	Dryden, Pope, Johnson	Byron, Collins, Gray	Wordsworth, Coleridge, Southey
Who is the writer of <i>Midnight's Children</i>	V.S. Naipaul	Salman Rushdie	Rabindranath Tagore	Arundhati Roy
Tagore's <i>Dak Ghar</i> and <i>Chandalika</i> are included in which of the following genre?	Short story	Tragedy	Drama	Essay
Chose the correct meaning of the following Phrase: "To bring to light"	to praise	to appeal	to reveal	to avoid
A Shakespearean sonnet has the following rhyming scheme	ABBA, ABBA, CDCDCD	ABAB, BCBC, CD CD EE	ABBA, ABBA, CDCD, EE	ABAB, CDCD, EFEF, GG
The Poem 'Night of the Scorpion' was published in which book by Nissim Ezekiel	Hymns in Darkness	The Exact Name	The Third	Snakes and Other Poems
Who is known as the Father of English Poetry?	William Wordsworth	John Milton	William Shakespeare	Geoffrey Chaucer
Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is a	Tragedy	Comedy	Farce	Tragi-Comedy
"The Golden Threshold" by Sarojini Naidu was published in	1961	1905	1906	1908
who wrote the novel <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> ?	Jane Austen	Emily Bronte	Agatha Christie	Charlotte Bronte
"Tughlaq" published in 1964 is a play written by	Vijay Tendulkar	Rabindranath Tagore	Badal Sircar	Girish Karnard
<i>The Forest of Enchantment</i> by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni derives its plot from	The Vishnu Purana	The Matsya Purana	The Mahabharata	The Ramayana
The Poem "The White Man's Burden" was written by	Matthew Arnold	W. B. Yeats	W. H. Auden	Rudyard Kipling
Who wrote "The Interpretation of Dreams"?	Carl Jung	Sigmund Freud	Anna Freud	Jacques Lacan

"The Rape of the Lock" by Alexander Pope is called a	Mock Heroic Epic	Classical Epic	Romantic Poem	None of These
Next July, Ravi and Shobha _____ for 5 years.	are married	have been married	will have been married	will be married
"Doctor Faustus", a famous Renaissance play is written by	John Webster	Christopher Marlowe	Ben Jonson	Nicholas Udall
Who is the writer of the novel <i>Things Fall Apart</i>	Wole Soyinka	Ngugi wa Thiong'o	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	Chinua Achebe
The branch of linguistics that is concerned with meaning is known as	Semiotics	Semiology	Semantics	Symbology
The purgation of pity and terror through art is known as	Peripeteia	Mimesis	Anagnorisis	Catharsis
The first poet to win the Sahitya Akademi award for English poetry is	Nissim Ezekiel	Rabindranath Tagore	Jayant Mahapatra	A. K. Ramnujan
Maya Angelou's well known autobiographical essay is	I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings	Gather Together in My Name	The Heart of a Woman	Phenomenal Women
A poem that is free from the limitations of a regular meter or rhythm and also does not rhyme with fixed forms is called _____ of poetry	Sonnet	Free Verse	Epic	None of These
The poetry form Haiku originated in	Japan	South Korea	Germany	Australia
Negative capability is a term associated with	Coleridge	Keats	Wordsworth	Shelly
In <i>Oliver Twist</i> , who runs the home for young orphans where Oliver lives for nine years?	Mr. Bumble	Mrs. Mann	Agnes Fleming	Miss Hannigan
The play <i>Riders to the Sea</i> is set in	Dublin	London	One of the Aran Islands off the coast of Ireland	The Irish Countryside
The mariner in "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," kills	an albatross	a devil	a penguin	a hawk
Who called P.B. Shelley "an ineffectual angel beating in the void his luminous wings in vain?"	Matthew Arnold	John Ruskin	Charles Lamb	S. T. Coleridge
'Fair is foul and foul is fair' is an example of which literary device?	Assonance	Paradox	Foreshadowing	Motif

The aim of Reformation was to	propagate Roman Catholicism across the European countries.	bring about reforms in society, with special focus on the condition of women.	bring about economic reforms in the country.	to protest in a variety of ways against the Catholic Church, which had hitherto remained undivided.
Who devised a metrical system called 'Sprung Rhythm'?	G.M. Hopkins	Robert Browning	Alfred Lord Tennyson	William Wordsworth
In The Old Man and the Sea, who is Santiago's hero?	Harry Truman	Joe DiMaggio	Dick Sisler	Fidel Castro
In The Old Man and the Sea, of what does Santiago dream on the night before he promises Manolin to go "far out" to sea?	A great storm	A beautiful woman	Lions on the beach	A wrestling match
Which short story is written by Rabindranath Tagore	The Postmaster	Swami and Friends	The English Teacher	The Night Train at Deoli
In what year was The Old Man and the Sea published?	1960	1961	1952	1963
What is the subtitle of Dickens's Oliver Twist?	The Posthumous Papers	The Old Curiosity Shop	The Parish Boy's Progress	Our Mutual Friend
What country serves as the setting for Macbeth?	Wales	Scotland	Ireland	England
Blank verse is	unrhymed iambic pentameter.	rhymed iambic pentameter	unrhymed iambic hexameter.	rhymed iambic hexameter.
'Poetic justice' aims at	punishing evil	rewarding virtue and punishing evil.	moderating between good and evil	rewarding good.
Which of the following novels is not written by R.K.Narayan?	Waiting for the Mahatama	The Guide	The Untouchables	The English Teacher
"If winter comes, can spring be far behind!" These famous words of Shelley with optimism have been taken from	"The Cloud".	"Ode to the West Wind".	"Isabella".	"The Eve of St. Agnes"
Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" begins with "The curfew tolls the knell of parting day." What is meant by "curfew" here?	dusk Time	time of sunset	evening prayer in the Church	ringing of evening bells in the Church
"We look before and after/ And pine for what is not." In which Ode do these lines occur?	Keats's "Ode to a Nightingale"	Shelley's "Stanzas Written in Dejection"	Gray's "Hymn to Adversity"	Shelley's "Ode to a Skylark"

Shakespeare depended primarily on two sources for his legendary and historical plays. Which of the following is the most important one?	Holinshed's Chronicles	King Arthur's Legend	Plutarch's Lives	Legends of Charlemagne
The maxim "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing" is the creation of	Dr. Samuel Johnson	John Dryden	Francis Bacon	Alexander Pope
The Romantic poets derived the idea, 'Return to Nature' from	Rousseau	Garrod	Cobbett	De Quincey
82. Which Victorian poet is the author of the following lines "God himself is the best poet And the Real is His song."	Elizabeth Barret Browning	Robert Browning	William Blake	Walt Whitman
What are the three unities in drama?	unity of time, place and action	unity of act, scene and plot	c. unity of action, scene and act	unity of thought, diction and plot
Which of the following is not a play by Vijay Tendulkar?	Look Back in Anger	Silence! The Court is in Session	The Cyclist	His Fifth Woman
"Interpreter of Maladies" is written by	Arundhati Roy	Kiran Desai	Amitav Ghosh	Jhumpa Lahiri
"Wessex Tales" is an 1888 collection of tales by	Thomas Hardy	George Eliot	D. H. Lawrence	Charles Dickens
When was English Introduced in India?	1832	1858	1835	1857
Who is the author of "Ars Poetica"?	Plato	Aristotle	Horace	Virgil
The publication of Preface to Lyrical Ballads in 1798 marked the beginning of	Romantic Revival	Modernist Poetry	Romantic Criticism	Naturalism
Soliloquy is a device used by the dramatist to	convey his own thoughts to the audience.	to convey information about the character's motives and state of mind or for purposes of exposition	to observe the unity of time	to observe the unity of place and action.
A figure of speech wherein a comparison is made between two unlike qualities without the use of the words 'like' or 'as' is called	metaphor	oxymoron	analogy	simile
Who wrote 'Frankenstein'	P. B. Shelly	Mary Shelly	Mary Wollstonecraft	Clara Reeve

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<p>What is the Subtitle of 'Twelfth Night'</p>	What You Will	What You Wish to be	The Triumph of Time	Human Will and Destin'
<p>"The Rape of Lock" by Alexander Pope is called a</p>	Mock Heroic Epic	Classical Epic	Romantic Poem	None of These
<p>Which of the following is a type of lyric poem that laments the dead?</p>	Epic	Elegy	Epigram	Eponymous
<p>Nadine Gordimer, winner of the Nobel Prize for literature in 1991, is a writer from</p>	South Africa.	Nigeria	South America	Jamaica
<p>W.B. Yeats's poem "A Prayer for My Daughter" appeared in the poetic collection titled</p>	The Tower	The Rose	The Green Helmet and Other Poems.	Michael Robartes and the Dancer.
<p>Alliteration is the repetition of speech sounds in a sequence of nearby words, usually applied to</p>	consonants only	vowels only	both consonents and vowels	any of the above
<p>Who is the first translator of the Bible into English?</p>	Chaucer	Sir Thomas Malory	John Wycliffe	None of These

Who called Shakespeare's Hamlet as an artistic failure?	I.A. Richards	T. S. Eliot	F. R. Leavis	Matthew Arnold
Who is known as 'Morning Star of Reformation'?	John Wycliffe	Langland	Pope John Paul	Martin Luther
The famous book <i>Gandhi: A Life</i> has been written by	Krishna Kripalani.	N.C. Kelkar	V.S. Srinivasa Sastri	C. Rajagopalachari
The last part of speech is	Epilogue	Prologue	Conclusion	Permutation
"Lajja" is a work by	Yasmine Gooneratne	Taslima Nasrin	Edwin Thumboo	Ramesh Gunsekera
Kubla Khan is written by	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	P.B. Shelly	William Blake	William Wordsworth
The Great Expectations was written by	Thomas Hardy	Oscar Wilde	Jane Austen	Charles Dickens
To Daffodils' poem was written by	Robert Herrick	John Milton	William Wordsworth	John Keats
The 'Bog' poems are associated with	Seamus Heaney	Ted Hughes	Y B Yeats	Marie Devlin
Which of these Novels is written by Jane Austen	Amelia	Jane Eyre	Northanger Abbey	Wuthering Heights
In Aristotle's Poetics we read that it is the imitation of an action that is complete and whole, and of a certain magnitude... having a beginning, middle and an end. This is a definition of ?	Poetry	Farce	Epic	Tragedy
Which of these novel is not written by Charles Dickens	A Tale of Two Cities	Hard Times	Jude The Obscure	Bleak House
Which poetic form deals with the natural world, rural life and landscapes?	Ballad	Elegy	Ode	Pastoral
A stressed syllable followed by an unstressed syllable is—a	Trochaic foot	Iambic foot	Dactylic foot	Monosyllable foot
Who, for the first time, introduced sonnet into English poetry?	Daniel	Spenser	Wyatt and Surrey	Shakespeare
What is meant by 'denouement' in drama?	The final unravelling of the plot	The anticlimax	The expected consequence or end	The contrived plot
What is another name for Renaissance?	The New Learning	The Reformation	The Protestantism	Humanism