

全国 2017 年 4 月高等教育自学考试

英美文学选读试题

课程代码:00604

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选择题部分

注意事项:

1. 答题前,考生务必将自己的考试课程名称、姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔填写在答题纸规定的位置上。

2. 每小题选出答案后,用 2B 铅笔把答题纸上对应题目的答案标号涂黑。如需改动,用橡皮擦干净后,再选涂其他答案标号。不能答在试题卷上。

I. Multiple Choice (40 points in all, 1 for each)

Select from the four choices of each item the one that best answers the question or completes the statement. Mark your choice by blackening the corresponding letter A, B, C or D on the answer sheet.

- The Renaissance marks a transition from the _____ to the modern world.
A. medieval
B. romantic
C. Anglo-Saxon
D. Victorian
- Which of the following plays is **NOT** among William Shakespeare's four great tragedies?
A. *Hamlet*.
B. *Twelfth Night*.
C. *Othello*.
D. *King Lear*.
- After the restoration of _____, Milton was imprisoned for a short time and then retired to private life.
A. Charles I
B. Charles II
C. James I
D. James II
- It was not until the reign of _____ that the Renaissance really began to show its effect in England.
A. Henry VII
B. Henry VIII
C. Charles I
D. Charles II

5. In *Paradise Lost*, the real hero created by Milton is _____.
A. God B. Adam C. Eve D. Satan
6. The island of Lilliput can be found in _____.
A. *Robinson Crusoe* B. *Gulliver's Travels*
C. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* D. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
7. The Enlightenment was a progressive intellectual movement throughout Western Europe in the _____ century.
A. 17th B. 18th C. 19th D. 20th
8. Henry Fielding is the author of the great 18th century English novel _____.
A. *Tom Jones* B. *Pamela*
C. *Moll Flanders* D. *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy*
9. The publication of *The Lyrical Ballads*, written by _____, marked the break with the conventional poetical tradition of the 18th century.
A. William Wordsworth and Robert Burns B. William Blake and Coleridge
C. Wordsworth and Percy Bysshe Shelly D. Wordsworth and Coleridge
10. Generally, William Shakespeare's dramatic career can be divided into _____ periods.
A. 3 B. 4 C. 5 D. 6
11. "It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife." The quoted part is taken from _____.
A. *Pride and Prejudice* B. *Wuthering Heights*
C. *Jane Eyre* D. *Sense and Sensibility*
12. William Wordsworth is regarded as a "worshipper of nature." He can penetrate to the heart of things and give the reader the very life of _____.
A. beauty B. peace
C. nature D. interest
13. Jane Austen is an English woman novelist of the _____ century.
A. 16th B. 17th C. 18th D. 19th
14. Daniel Defoe started as a(n) _____ and all his life underwent many ups and downs.
A. lawyer B. engineer
C. worker D. merchant
15. The writer who lived at the turn of century was _____.
A. Thomas Hardy B. George Eliot
C. Charles Dickens D. Emily Bronte

16. English Romanticism, as a historical phase of literature, is generally said to have begun in ____.
- A. 1786 B. 1788 C. 1796 D. 1798
17. Which of the following characters is **NOT** in *Jane Eyre*?
- A. Mrs. Reed. B. Catherine.
C. Mr. Rochester. D. Bertha Mason.
18. Who wrote *Mrs Warren's Profession*?
- A. D. H. Lawrence B. William Butler Yeats
C. T. S. Eliot D. George Bernard Shaw
19. William Blake began writing poetry at the age of ____.
- A. 12 B. 13 C. 14 D. 15
20. The Modern English writers concentrated more on the ____ affairs.
- A. public B. private
C. international D. objective
21. George Bernard Shaw was a(n) ____, who composed *Pygmalion*.
- A. playwright B. poet C. novelist D. essayist
22. Among Thomas Hardy's works ____, is the most cheerful and idyllic.
- A. *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* B. *The Return of the Native*
C. *Under the Greenwood Tree* D. *The Mayor of Casterbridge*
23. Among Hawthorne's works ____, is always regarded as the best.
- A. *The Scarlet Letter* B. *Self-Reliance*
C. *Civil Disobedience* D. *The Last Tycoon*
24. "Leaves of Grass" has always been considered a monumental work which commands great attention because of its uniquely poetic embodiment of American ____.
- A. culture B. democratic ideals
C. realistic ideals D. dream
25. Melville's writings can be well divided into two groups, each with something in common in the light of ____ and imaginative focus.
- A. individualism B. the thematic concern
C. evils D. American value
26. Mark Twain is a great literary giant of America, whom ____ considered "the true father of our national literature."
- A. O. Henry B. H. L. Mencken
C. James Michener D. Emily Dickinson

37. Dickinson's poetry, despite its ostensible formal simplicity, is remarkable for its _____, subtlety and richness.
- A. freshness
B. variety
C. humor
D. beauty
38. Apart from school education, Dreiser read voraciously by himself. His true literary influences were from _____, Charles Darwin and Herbert Spencer.
- A. Russell Ash
B. Balzac
C. Vincent Alsop
D. Zola
39. Robert Lee Frost was the Pulitzer Prize winner on _____ occasions; the United States Senate passed resolutions honoring his birthday.
- A. 3
B. 4
C. 2
D. 5
40. During World War I _____ served as an honorable junior officer in the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps.
- A. Emily Dickinson
B. Jack London
C. Ernest Hemingway
D. Poe

非选择题部分

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II. Reading Comprehension (16 points in all, 4 for each)

Read the quoted parts carefully and answer the questions in English. Write your answers in the corresponding space on the answer sheet.

41. "Are you in earnest? -Do you truly love me? - Do you sincerely wish me to be your wife?"
"I do; and if an oath is necessary to satisfy you, I swear it."
"Then, sir, I will marry you."
"Edward -my little wife!"
"Dear Edward!"
"Come to me -come to me entirely now," said he; and added, in his deepest tone, speaking in my ear as his cheek was laid on mine, "Make my happiness - I will make yours."

Questions:

- A. What is the title of the novel from which the excerpt is taken? Who is the author?
B. Who are the two speakers?
C. What does this excerpt tell us about the speakers?

42. Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date:
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;

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But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;
(From Shakespeare's "Sonnet 18")

Questions:

- A. What does "thee" refer to in the first line of the stanza?
 - B. What figure of speech is used in the fifth line?
 - C. What is the theme of this poem?
43. He knew the tune; it was a familiar one in the choir of the village meeting-house. The verse died heavily away, and was lengthened by a chorus, not of human voices, but of all the sounds of the benighted wilderness, pealing in awful harmony together. Goodman Brown cried out; and his cry was lost to his own ear, by its unison with the cry of the desert.

Questions:

- A. What is the title of the story from which the excerpt is taken? Who is the author?
- B. Where is the protagonist now? And why did he go there?
- C. What is the author's major concern in this story?

44. And I keep hearing from the cellar bin
The rumbling sound
Of load on load of apples coming in.
For I have had too much
Of apple-picking: I am overtired
Of the great harvest I myself desired.

Questions:

- A. What is the title of the poem from which the stanza is taken? Who is the author?
- B. What does "The rumbling sound" in the second line refer to?
- C. What does the poet want to tell the readers through this poem?

III. Questions and Answers (24 points in all, 6 for each)

Give a brief answer to each of the following questions in English. Write your answers in the corresponding space on the answer sheet.

45. In what way is Swift regarded as one of the greatest masters of English prose?
46. Why can Bernard Shaw's plays be termed as problem plays?
47. According to Theodore Dreiser, what is the core of American values? And what is their effect on people's life?
48. Due to her deliberate seclusion, Emily Dickinson's poems tend to be very personal and meditative. What is the style of her poetry?

IV. Topic Discussion (20 points in all, 10 for each)

Write no less than 150 words on each of the following topics in English in the corresponding space on the answer sheet.

49. Briefly discuss Jane Austen's notion about human beings in their personal relationships.
50. Ernest Hemingway's style, the particular type of hero in his novels, and his life attitudes have been widely recognized and imitated all over the world. Discuss Hemingway Code heroes briefly.