



HISTORY OF ENGLISH LITERATURE EXAM

1. Name 3 most important English poets of the High Middle Ages and their key works.
2. Characterise the different types of medieval drama and name their respective examples.
3. Characterise the key ideals of Humanism, name 3 key authors and their works.
4. Describe the character of Horatio in Hamlet, Prince of Denmark. How is he important for the development of the plot?
5. Describe the character of Puck in Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. What role does he have in the structure of the comedy?
6. Explain the term „Procreation Sonnets“ within the structure of Shakespeare's Sonnets. What is the „scandal“ of the Sonnets?
7. Match the authors with their works.

W. Shakespeare	<i>The Rape of the Lock</i>
B. Jonson	<i>Samson Agonistes</i>
J. Donne	<i>The Tempest</i>
J. Milton	<i>Volpone, or the Fox</i>
A. Pope	<i>Songs and Sonnets</i>
8. Name 5 most important English novelists in the 18th century.
9. Name 5 most important English playwrights between 1650–1800.
10. Characterise the beginnings of the Romantic movement in England and name 3 most important works and their authors.
11. Characterise the genre of the closet drama and name 2 important works and their authors.
12. Name 3 most important Victorian novelists and their works.



- 13.** *Characterise the character of Joe Gargery in Dickens's Great Expectations. How does he form the character of Pip?*
- 14.** *Characterise the work of A. Lord Tennyson and name at least two of his major poems.*
- 15.** *Characterise the character of Tess of the D'Urbervilles and explain the evolution of her relationship to Alec.*
- 16.** *Name 3 most important English modernists and their major works.*
- 17.** *How would you characterise the form of T. S. Eliot's Wasteland? What is the theme of the poem?*
- 18.** *Name 5 most important English novelists between 1900–1950.*
- 19.** *Characterise the work of the Angry Young Men. Name 3 most important authors and their works.*
- 20.** *Characterise postmodernism in English literature and name 3 most important post-war English novelists.*

You get 5 points for each question. The total is 100 points, with 60 points as the pass mark.