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## POPULAR CULTURE AND FICTION

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#### **Popular Culture and Fiction**

#### **UNIT I**

#### (I) LYRICS

#### Blowing in the Wind (1962) by Bob Dylan

Blowing in the Wind (1962) by Bob Dylan is a classical protest song that raises rhetorical questions about peace ,freedom ,and justice .The song released in 1963 ,reflects the civil rights and anti war sentiments of the era .its lyrics ask a series of questions about life 's struggles and societal issues ,suggesting that the answers are elusive or blowing in the wind implying that the solutions are both obvious and difficult to grasp ,often ignored by those in power .

I Wanna to Hold Your Hand" by The Beatles

I Want to Hold Your Hand" is a song by the English rock band The Beatles, written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Released in 1963, it became one of the band's most popular and influential tracks, helping to catalyze the "British Invasion" of the United States music charts. The song is characterized by its catchy melody, upbeat tempo, and straightforward lyrics expressing a desire for physical affection and emotional closeness. Its universal appeal and energetic performance made it a defining hit of the early 1960s.

"A Few of My Belongings" by Gulzar

A Few of My Belongings" is a poem by the renowned Indian poet Gulzar. Known for his evocative and poignant writing, Gulzar's poem reflects on the emotional significance of personal possessions and memories. The poem delves into the intimate connection between the poet and his belongings, each item holding sentimental value and representing fragments of his life's journey. Through simple yet profound imagery, Gulzar captures the essence of nostalgia, loss, and the passage of time, highlighting how these belongings serve as tangible links to past

experiences and relationships.

"Chitthi Aayi Hai" by Pankaj Udhas

"Chitthi Aayi Hai" is a poignant ghazal sung by the renowned Indian playback singer Pankaj Udhas. Featured in the 1986 Bollywood film "Naam," the song is written by Anand Bakshi and composed by Laxmikant-Pyarelal. The lyrics express the deep emotions of an expatriate who receives a letter from home, conveying news and sentiments that evoke nostalgia, longing, and a sense of loss. The song captures the emotional struggles of those living far from their homeland and loved ones, highlighting themes of separation, familial bonds, and the heartache of being away from home.

#### Multiple Choice Questions

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- 1. Who wrote the song "Blowin' in the Wind"?
  - A. John Lennon
  - B. Bob Dylan
  - C. Paul Simon
  - D. Joni Mitchell
  - Answer: B. Bob Dylan

- 2. In what year was "Blowin' in the Wind" first released?
  - A. 1962
  - B. 1965
  - C. 1967
  - D. 1970
  - Answer: A. 1962
- 3. What is the primary theme of "Blowin' in the Wind"?
  - A. Romantic love
  - B. Social justice and peace
  - C. Economic prosperity
  - D. Technological advancement
  - Answer: B. Social justice and peace

4. Which rhetorical device is predominantly used in "Blowin' in the Wind"? - A. Hyperbole - B. Irony - C. Rhetorical questions - D. Metaphor - Answer: C. Rhetorical questions 5. The line "How many roads must a man walk down before you call him a man?" exemplifies what kind of literary device? SHAHU JI MAHARAJ UNIVE - A. Simile - B. Personification - C. Hyperbole - D. Rhetorical question

- Answer: D. Rhetorical question

- 6. "Blowin' in the Wind" became an anthem for which movement?
  - A. Environmental movement
  - B. Civil rights movement
  - C. Women's liberation movement
  - D. LGBTQ+ rights movement
  - Answer: B. Civil rights movement
- 7. Which phrase from the song suggests that the answers to the questions posed are not easy to grasp?
  - A. "How many times"
  - B. "Before they're forever banned"
  - C. "Blowin' in the wind"

- D. "How many deaths"
- Answer: C. "Blowin' in the wind"

8. What does Bob Dylan imply about the answers to the questions in "Blowin' in the Wind"?

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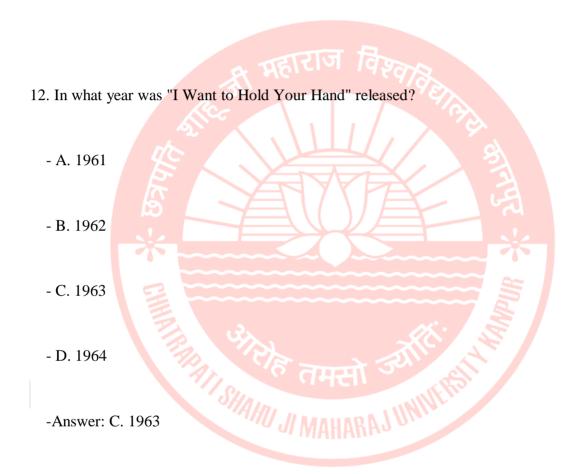
- A. They are well-known and straightforward.
- B. They are complex and difficult to find.
- C. They are irrelevant.
- D. They are hidden in history books.
- Answer: B. They are complex and difficult to find.

- 9. How does "Blowin' in the Wind" reflect the sentiments of the 1960s?
  - A. By celebrating technological progress
  - B. By questioning social injustices and advocating for change

- C. By focusing on economic growth
- D. By promoting political conservatism
- Answer: B. By questioning social injustices and advocating for change

- 10. Which artist famously covered "Blowin' in the Wind," helping to popularize it further?
  - A. Elvis Presley
  - B. Aretha Franklin
  - C. Sam Cooke
  - D. Peter, Paul and Mary
  - Answer: D. Peter, Paul and Mary
- 11. Who are the primary songwriters of "I Want to Hold Your Hand"?
  - A. George Harrison and Ringo Starr
  - B. John Lennon and Paul McCartney

- C. Mick Jagger and Keith Richards
- D. Brian Wilson and Mike Love
- Answer: B. John Lennon and Paul McCartney



- 13. Which album features "I Want to Hold Your Hand"?
  - A. Rubber Soul

- B. Abbey Road
- C. With The Beatles (U.K.) / Meet The Beatles! (U.S.)
- D. Revolver
- Answer: C. With The Beatles (U.K.) / Meet The Beatles! (U.S.)
- 14. What is the main theme of the song "I Want to Hold Your Hand"?
  - A. Political activism
  - B. Romantic desire and affection
  - C. Social commentary
  - D. Friendship and camaraderie
  - Answer: B. Romantic desire and affection

15. Which musical element is particularly notable in "I Want to Hold Your Hand"?

- A. Complex orchestration
- B. Catchy melody and harmonized vocals
- C. Long instrumental solos
- D. Heavy use of synthesizers
- Answer: B. Catchy melody and harmonized vocals

- 16 . How did "I Want to Hold Your Hand" impact The Beatles' popularity in the United States?
  - A. It had no significant impact.
  - B. It led to a decline in their popularity.
  - C. It was a major catalyst for their breakthrough and success in the U.S.
  - D. It was banned from U.S. airwaves.
  - Answer: C. It was a major catalyst for their breakthrough and success in the U.S.

- 17. Which record label released "I Want to Hold Your Hand" in the United States?
  - A. Capitol Records
  - B. Apple Records
  - C. Parlophone
  - D. EMI
  - Answer: A. Capitol Records

- 18. What was the reaction of American audiences to "I Want to Hold Your Hand"?
  - A. Indifference
  - B. Negative criticism
  - C. Enthusiastic and overwhelming approval
  - D. Confusion
  - Answer: C. Enthusiastic and overwhelming approval

- 19. The release of "I Want to Hold Your Hand" is often credited with starting which major musical phenomenon?
  - A. Grunge movement
  - B. British Invasion
  - C. Punk rock
  - D. Disco era
  - Answer: B. British Invasion
- 20. What aspect of The Beatles' performance of "I Want to Hold Your Hand" contributed to their early image and appeal?
  - A. Their casual and laid-back stage presence
  - B. Their elaborate stage sets and costumes
  - C. Their energetic and engaging performance style
  - D. Their use of pyrotechnics

- Answer: C. Their energetic and engaging performance style

- 21. Who is the author of the poem "A Few of My Belongings"?
  - A. Rabindranath Tagore
  - B. Gulzar
  - C. Vikram Seth
  - D. R.K. Narayan
  - -Answer: B. Gulzar
- 22. What is the central theme of "A Few of My Belongings"?
  - A. Romantic love
  - B. The significance of personal possessions and memories
  - C. Political commentary

- D. Nature's beauty
- Answer: B. The significance of personal possessions and memories
- 23. Which literary device is predominantly used in "A Few of My Belongings"?
  - A. Hyperbole
  - B. Personification
  - C. Metaphor
  - D. Alliteration
  - Answer: C. Metaphor
- 24. What do the poet's belongings symbolize in the poem?
  - A. Wealth and prosperity
  - B. Tangible links to past experiences and relationships

- C. Political power
- D. Artistic creativity
- Answer: B. Tangible links to past experiences and relationships

- 25. How does Gulzar convey a sense of nostalgia in "A Few of My Belongings"?
  - A. By using futuristic imagery
  - B. Through reflections on past experiences associated with his possessions
  - C. By describing nature scenes
  - D. Through humor and satire
  - -Answer: B. Through reflections on past experiences associated with his possessions

- 26. Which emotion is most strongly conveyed in "A Few of My Belongings"?
  - A. Joy

- B. Anger
- C. Nostalgia
- D. Indifference
- -Answer: C. Nostalgia
- 27. In "A Few of My Belongings," how does Gulzar view the passage of time?
  - A. As a destructive force
  - B. As a constant and unchanging element
  - C. As a source of inspiration
  - D. As a series of precious moments captured by his belongings
  - Answer: D. As a series of precious moments captured by his belongings

28. What role do the poet's belongings play in his life, according to the poem?

- A. They serve as mere objects of utility.
- B. They act as cherished mementos of his life's journey.
- C. They symbolize his financial success.
- D. They are burdensome and unnecessary.
- Answer: B. They act as cherished mementos of his life's journey.

29. Which of the following best describes the tone of "A Few of My Belongings"?

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- A. Humorous
- B. Reflective and sentimental
- C. Critical and analytical
- D. Aggressive
- Answer: B. Reflective and sentimental

- 30. What is the poet's perspective on the material value of his belongings in the poem?
  - A. He considers them to be of great monetary worth.
  - B. He values them primarily for their emotional and sentimental significance.
  - C. He finds them to be insignificant and trivial.
  - D. He views them as symbols of social status.
  - Answer: B. He values them primarily for their emotional and sentimental significance.

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- 31. Who is the singer of the song "Chitthi Aayi Hai"?
  - A. Jagjit Singh
  - B. Ghulam Ali
  - C. Pankaj Udhas
  - D. Talat Mahmood
  - Answer: C. Pankaj Udhas

- 32. In which Bollywood film did the song "Chitthi Aayi Hai" feature?
  - A. Kabhi Kabhi
  - B. Naam
  - C. Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge
  - D. Silsila
  - Answer: B. Naam
- 33. Who wrote the lyrics for "Chitthi Aayi Hai"?

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- A. Gulzar
- B. Javed Akhtar
- C. Anand Bakshi
- D. Sahir Ludhianvi

- Answer: C. Anand Bakshi

34. What is the primary theme of "Chitthi Aayi Hai"?

- A. Celebration of festivals

- B. Romantic love

- C. Nostalgia and longing for home

- D. Political satire

- Answer: C. Nostalgia and longing for home

35. Who composed the music for "Chitthi Aayi Hai"?

- A. R.D. Burman

- B. Laxmikant-Pyarelal

- C. A.R. Rahman

- D. Shankar-Jaikishan
- -Answer: B. Laxmikant-Pyarelal

- 36. What emotional response does "Chitthi Aayi Hai" primarily evoke in listeners?
  - A. Joy and excitement
  - B. Anger and frustration
  - C. Sadness and nostalgia
  - D. Indifference
  - Answer: C. Sadness and nostalgia

37. What news does the protagonist receive in the letter in "Chitthi Aayi Hai"?

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- A. News about a festival
- B. News about a job promotion

- C. News from his family about their daily lives and longing for his return
- D. News about a political event
- Answer: C. News from his family about their daily lives and longing for his return
- 38. Which musical genre does "Chitthi Aayi Hai" belong to?
  - A. Pop
  - B. Ghazal
  - C. Rock
  - D. Classical
  - Answer: B. Ghazal

- 39. What does the letter symbolize in the song "Chitthi Aayi Hai"?
  - A. Progress and modernization

- B. Connection to one's roots and emotional ties to home
- C. Political change
- D. Technological advancement
- Answer: B. Connection to one's roots and emotional ties to home
- 40. How does the protagonist feel about being away from home, as depicted in "Chitthi Aayi Hai"?
  - A. Content and satisfied
  - B. Indifferent and detached
  - C. Longing and melancholic
  - D. Excited and adventurous
  - Answer: C. Longing and melancholic

#### II Photographs

The Terror of War" by Nick Ut

"The Terror of War," also known as "Napalm Girl," is a photograph taken by Vietnamese American photographer Nick Ut in 1972 during the Vietnam War. The image shows a young girl, Phan Thi Kim Phuc, running naked on a road after being severely burned by napalm. The photograph became a powerful symbol of the horrors of the Vietnam War and significantly influenced public opinion against the conflict.

#### Gandhi and the Spinning Wheel" by Margaret Bourke-White

This iconic photograph, taken by Margaret Bourke-White in 1946, features Mahatma Gandhi seated beside a spinning wheel, or charkha. The image symbolizes Gandhi's advocacy for self-reliance and the Swadeshi movement, which encouraged Indians to produce their own goods and reject British-made products. The photograph became emblematic of India's struggle for independence from British rule.

"Starving Child and Vulture" by Kevin Carter

Kevin Carter's 1993 Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph shows a starving Sudanese child collapsed on the ground, with a vulture waiting nearby. Taken during the famine in Sudan, the photograph sparked global outrage and highlighted the severe humanitarian crisis in Africa. The image also raised ethical questions about the role of photojournalists in such situations.

## III ADVERTISEMENTS

#### Amul Advertisements

Amul, an Indian dairy brand, is renowned for its witty and topical advertisements that often feature the Amul Girl. These ads address current events, social issues, and pop culture with humor and satire. The consistent and clever use of wordplay has made Amul ads a staple in Indian advertising, reflecting the brand's commitment to staying relevant and engaging with its audience.

Airtel "Breaking Barriers"

Airtel's "Breaking Barriers" campaign focuses on connecting people across different regions,

cultures, and socio-economic backgrounds. The ads emphasize the power of communication technology to bridge gaps, foster understanding, and promote inclusivity. This campaign showcases how Airtel's services enable people to overcome physical and metaphorical barriers, reinforcing the brand's message of unity and connectivity.

#### Anouk "Bold is Beautiful"

Anouk, an ethnic wear brand by Myntra, launched the "Bold is Beautiful" campaign to celebrate women who challenge societal norms and stereotypes. The ads feature stories of women who assert their independence and individuality, addressing issues like single motherhood, same-sex relationships, and interfaith marriages. The campaign promotes the message of empowerment, encouraging women to embrace their true selves.

#### Ariel "Share the Load"

Ariel's "Share the Load" campaign addresses gender inequality in household chores, particularly laundry. The ads highlight the unequal distribution of domestic responsibilities and encourage men to participate equally. This campaign aims to shift societal perceptions and promote a more balanced approach to household duties, reinforcing the idea that laundry and other chores are not just "women's work."

#### Vicks "Generations of Care"

The "Generations of Care" campaign by Vicks highlights the enduring legacy of care passed down through generations. The ads tell emotional stories that showcase the impact of care giving, from mothers to children and beyond. This campaign emphasizes the brand's long-standing association with familial love and care, reinforcing Vicks as a trusted household name for decades.

#### IV NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

Evening Standard: "The First Footsteps"

The headline "The First Footsteps" likely refers to the historic Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 1969. It captures the moment when astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human to set foot on the moon, marking a significant milestone in space exploration and human achievement.

City Press: "Mandela Goes Free Today"

"Mandela Goes Free Today" refers to the release of Nelson Mandela from Victor Verster Prison on February 11, 1990. After 27 years of imprisonment, Mandela's release marked the beginning of the end of apartheid in South Africa and was a pivotal moment in the country's history.

The Daily News: "Diana Dead"

"Diana Dead" reports the tragic death of Diana, Princess of Wales, in a car accident in Paris on August 31, 1997. The headline captures the global shock and mourning over the loss of the beloved Princess, who was known for her humanitarian work and widespread public affection.

Times of India: "Birth of India's Freedom" "Birth of India's Freedom" celebrates India's independence from British rule on August 15, 1947. The headline marks the end of a long struggle for independence led by figures like Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru and the beginning of a new era for India as a sovereign nation.

#### **Multiple Choice Questions**

- 1. What event does "The Terror of War" depict?
- a) The Gulf War

- b) The Vietnam War
- c) The Korean War
- d) World War II

Answer: b) The Vietnam War

- 2. Who is the central figure in "The Terror of War"?
- a) A soldier
- b) A journalist
- c) A young girl
- d) A politician

Answer: c) A young girl

- 3. What caused the injuries seen in "The Terror of War"?
- a) Landmine
- b) Gunfire
- c) Napalm
- d) Chemical weapons

Answer: c) Napalm

- 4. What impact did "The Terror of War" have on public opinion?
- a) It bolstered support for the war
- b) It had no significant impact
- c) It significantly turned public opinion against the war
- d) It led to increased military recruitment

Answer: c) It significantly turned public opinion against the war

- 5. Which year was "The Terror of War" photographed?
- a) 1968
- b) 1970
- c) 1972
- d) 1975

Answer: c) 1972

- 6. What is a distinctive feature of Amul advertisements?
- a) High production value
- b) Use of celebrities
- c) Topical humor and satire
- d) Emotional storytelling

Answer: c) Topical humor and satire

- 7. Who is the central character in Amul ads?
- a) Amul Boy
- b) Amul Girl
- c) Amul Cow
- d) Amul Family

Answer: b) Amul Girl

- 8. What type of issues do Amul ads often address?
- a) Environmental issues
- b) Political and social issues
- c) Technological advancements
- d) Sports events

Answer: b) Political and social issues

- 9. What is the main theme of Airtel's "Breaking Barriers" campaign?
- a) Innovative technology
- b) Financial savings
- c) Bridging gaps and fostering connectivity
- d) Entertainment and media

Answer: c) Bridging gaps and fostering connectivity

- 10. Which brand message does Airtel's "Breaking Barriers" campaign reinforce?
- a) Speed
- b) Unity and inclusivity
- c) Affordability
- d) Luxury

Answer: b) Unity and inclusivity

11. What societal norms does Anouk's "Bold is Beautiful" campaign challenge?

- a) Traditional gender roles
- b) Corporate hierarchy
- c) Environmental practices
- d) Economic policies

Answer: a) Traditional gender roles

- 12. Which themes are prominently featured in Anouk's "Bold is Beautiful" campaign?
- a) Financial independence
- b) Sportsmanship
- c) Women's empowerment and individuality
- d) Environmental conservation

Answer: c) Women's empowerment and individuality

- 13. What issue is addressed in Ariel's "Share the Load" campaign?
- a) Environmental pollution
- b) Gender inequality in household chores
- c) Education access
- d) Financial literacy

Answer: b) Gender inequality in household chores

- 14. What societal perception does Ariel's "Share the Load" campaign aim to change?
- a) Women's role in the workplace

- b) Men's role in household chores
- c) Children's involvement in chores
- d) The importance of education

Answer: b) Men's role in household chores

- 15. What is the focus of Vicks' "Generations of Care" campaign?
- a) Technological innovation
- b) Financial savings
- c) Familial love and care giving
- d) Travel and adventure

Answer: c) Familial love and care giving

- 16. What historical event does "The First Footsteps" headline refer to?
- a) Columbus discovering America
- b) Neil Armstrong landing on the moon
- c) The first steps of a child prodigy
- d) The first human to climb Mount Everest

Answer: b) Neil Armstrong landing on the moon

- 17. In what year did the event referred to in "The First Footsteps" take place?
- a) 1965
- b) 1967

- c) 1969
- d) 1971

Answer: c) 1969

- 18. Which space mission is associated with the headline "The First Footsteps"?
- a) Apollo 10
- b) Apollo 11
- c) Apollo 12
- d) Apollo 13

Answer: b) Apollo 11

- 19. Which historical figure does the headline "Mandela Goes Free Today" refer to?
- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Nelson Mandela
- c) Martin Luther King Jr.
- d) Desmond Tutu

Answer: b) Nelson Mandela

- 20. In what year was Nelson Mandela released from prison?
- a) 1988
- b) 1989
- c) 1990
- d) 1991

Answer: c) 1990

21 .Nelson Mandela's release marked the beginning of the end of which system in South Africa?

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- a) Colonial rule
- b) Apartheid
- c) Monarchy
- d) Military dictatorship

Answer: b) Apartheid

- 22. What tragic event is reported in the headline "Diana Dead"?
- a) A natural disaster
- b) The death of Diana, Princess of Wales
- c) A political assassination
- d) An economic crisis

Answer: b) The death of Diana, Princess of Wales

- 23. In what year did Princess Diana die?
- a) 1995
- b) 1996
- c) 1997
- d) 1998

Answer: c) 1997

- 24. Where did the car accident that killed Princess Diana occur?
- a) London
- b) Paris
- c) New York

- d) Rome

Answer: b) Paris

- 25. What does the headline "Birth of India's Freedom" celebrate?
- a) The formation of a new government
- b) The end of British rule in India
- c) The election of a new president
- d) The launch of a space mission

Answer: b) The end of British rule in India

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#### SCIENCE FICTION /DETECTIVE FICTION

"The Time Machine" by H.G. Wells

"The Time Machine," published in 1895, is a pioneering science fiction novel by H.G. Wells. The story follows an unnamed protagonist, referred to as the Time Traveller, who invents a machine that allows him to travel through time. He journeys to the distant future where he encounters two distinct races: the Eloi, a gentle and frail upper class, and the Morlocks, a subterranean working class. The novel explores themes of social class disparity, evolution, and the potential future of humanity. Wells uses the Time Traveller's adventures to critique the socio-political issues of his own time.

"The Hound of the Baskervilles" by Arthur Conan Doyle

"The Hound of the Baskervilles," published in 1902, is a crime novel by Arthur Conan Doyle featuring his famous detective Sherlock Holmes. The story is set in the English moorlands, where Sir Charles Baskerville has died under mysterious circumstances, seemingly due to a family curse involving a supernatural hound. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are called to investigate. The novel combines elements of gothic horror with detective fiction, exploring themes of rationality versus superstition, the influence of environment on character, and the struggle between good and evil.

"Murder on Malabar Hill" by Sujata Massey

"Murder on Malabar Hill" is a historical mystery novel set in 1920s Bombay (Mumbai) and follows Perveen Mistry, the first female lawyer in Bombay. Inspired by a real-life figure, Perveen Mistry works in her father's law firm and becomes involved in a case involving the will of a wealthy Muslim businessman, Omar Farid, who has left behind three widows. As she delves deeper, she uncovers secrets and faces challenges that reveal the complexities of her society, including issues of women's rights and colonial rule. The novel blends historical

detail with a gripping mystery, exploring themes of gender equality, justice, and cultural tensions.

"Aliens in Delhi" by Sami Ahmad Khan

"Aliens in Delhi" is a science fiction novel set in contemporary Delhi, where extraterrestrials make first contact with humanity. The story follows multiple characters, including a young scientist, a journalist, and government officials, as they navigate the chaos and excitement that ensue from the aliens' arrival. The novel addresses themes such as global politics, human nature, and the impact of advanced technology on society. It blends humor, social commentary, and action to explore how humanity might react to an otherworldly encounter.

# **Multiple Choice Questions**

- 1. Who is the protagonist of "The Time Machine"?
- a) Dr. Watson
- b) The Time Traveller
- c) Sir Henry Baskerville
- d) The Invisible Man

Answer: b) The Time Traveller

- 2. What are the two races the Time Traveller encounters in the future?
- a) Morlocks and Eloi
- b) Humans and Aliens
- c) Dwarves and Elves
- d) Robots and Cyborgs

Answer: a) Morlocks and Eloi

- 3. What is the primary setting of "The Time Machine"?
- a) The distant past
- b) The distant future
- c) A parallel universe
- d) Outer space

Answer: b) The distant future

- 4. What theme is central to "The Time Machine"?
- a) The dangers of technology
- b) Social class disparity
- c) Environmental conservation
- d) The quest for immortality

Answer: b) Social class disparity

5. What invention allows the protagonist to travel through time? - a)

A portal

- b) A time machine
- c) A magic spell
- d) A wormhole

Answer: b) A time machine

6. What do the Eloi represent in the novel?

- a) The future working class
- b) The future upper class
- c) A hybrid race
- d) Alien invaders

Answer: b) The future upper class

- 7. What do the Morlocks represent in the novel?
- a) A peaceful race
- b) The future working class
- c) A lost civilization
- d) Alien invaders

Answer: b) The future working class

- 8. What is the Time Traveller's main method of storytelling in the novel?
- a) Flashbacks
- b) Diaries
- c) First-person narration
- d) Oral recounting to friends

Answer: d) Oral recounting to friends

- 9. How does the Time Traveller view the future society he encounters?
- a) As a utopia
- b) As a dystopia

- c) As a technological marvel
- d) As a spiritual awakening

Answer: b) As a dystopia

- 10. What is a major consequence of the Time Traveller's journey?
- a) He changes history
- b) He discovers immortality
- c) He realizes the futility of human progress
- d) He becomes the ruler of the future society

Answer: c) He realizes the futility of human progress

- 11. Who is the main detective in "The Hound of the Baskervilles"?
- a) Hercule Poirot
- b) Sam Spade
- c) Sherlock Holmes
- d) Miss Marple

Answer: c) Sherlock Holmes

- 12. What is the supposed curse on the Baskerville family?
- a) A haunted mansion
- b) A vengeful ghost
- c) A supernatural hound
- d) A cursed treasure

## Answer: c) A supernatural hound

- 13. Who accompanies Sherlock Holmes in his investigation?
- a) Inspector Lestrade
- b) Dr. Watson
- c) Professor Moriarty
- d) Mrs. Hudson

Answer: b) Dr. Watson

- 14. Where is the Baskerville estate located?
- a) London
- b) The Scottish Highlands
- c) Dartmoor
- d) Yorkshire

Answer: c) Dartmoor

- 15. Who is the heir to the Baskerville estate?
- a) Sir Charles Baskerville
- b) Sir Hugo Baskerville
- c) Sir Henry Baskerville
- d) Dr. Mortimer

Answer: c) Sir Henry Baskerville

- 16. What role does the environment play in the story?
- a) It represents a safe haven
- b) It symbolizes isolation and danger
- c) It is irrelevant to the plot
- d) It offers clues to the treasure

Answer: b) It symbolizes isolation and danger

- 17. Who is revealed to be the actual villain in the story?
- a) Dr. Mortimer
- b) Mrs. Barrymore
- c) Stapleton
- d) Mr. Frankland

Answer: c) Stapleton

- 18. What method does Holmes use to solve the case?
  - a) Scientific experiments
- b) Pure intuition
- c) Logical deduction and investigation
- d) Supernatural powers

Answer: c) Logical deduction and investigation

19. What disguise does Stapleton use to further his plan? - a)

A clergyman

- b) A schoolmaster
- c) A naturalist
- d) A farmer

Answer: b) A schoolmaster

- 20. What is the hound in reality?
- a) A ghostly apparition
- b) A trained dog with a phosphorus coating
- c) A myth
- d) A wild animal

Answer: b) A trained dog with a phosphorus coating

21. Who is the protagonist of "Murder on Malabar Hill"?

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- a) Omar Farid
- b) Perveen Mistry
- c) Cyrus Mistry
- d) Fatima Farid

Answer: b) Perveen Mistry

- 22. What profession does Perveen Mistry have?
- a) Doctor
- b) Detective

- c) Lawyer
- d) Journalist

Answer: c) Lawyer

- 23. In which city is "Murder on Malabar Hill" set?
- a) Delhi
- b) Kolkata
- c) Bombay (Mumbai)
- d) Chennai

Answer: c) Bombay (Mumbai)

- 24. What is the primary case Perveen Mistry is working on?
- a) A theft
- b) A murder
- c) A will dispute
- d) A kidnapping

Answer: c) A will dispute

- 25. Who is Omar Farid in the story?
- a) Perveen's father
- b) The murdered victim
- c) A wealthy businessman whose will is in question

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d) The lead investigator

Answer: c) A wealthy businessman whose will is in question

- 26. What societal issue is prominently explored in the novel?
- a) Environmental conservation
- b) Women's rights
- c) Technological advancement
- d) Economic disparity

Answer: b) Women's rights

- 27. What cultural tension is highlighted in the story?
- a) Hindu-Muslim relations
- b) British-Indian colonial dynamics
- c) East-West cultural clash
- d) Rural-urban divide

Answer: b) British-Indian colonial dynamics

- 28. Who are the primary suspects in the mystery?
- a) Perveen's colleagues
- b) Omar Farid's widows
- c) British officials
- d) Local businessmen

Answer:b) Omar Farid's widows

- 29. What inspired the character of Perveen Mistry?
- a) A fictional superhero
- b) A real-life female lawyer
- c) An ancient myth
- d) A famous detective from literature

Answer: b) A real-life female lawyer

- 30. What is a major theme in "Murder on Malabar Hill"?
- a) Technological innovation
- b) Justice and equality
- c) Economic development
- d) Political revolution

Answer: b) Justice and equality

- 31. What is the central event in "Aliens in Delhi"?
- a) A terrorist attack
- b) An alien invasion
- c) A natural disaster
- d) A political coup

Answer: b) An alien invasion

32. Where is the novel "Aliens in Delhi" set?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kolkata
- c) Delhi
- d) Chennai

Answer: c) Delhi

- 33. Who are the main characters involved in the story?
- a) Scientists and aliens
- b) Politicians and military personnel
- c) A young scientist, a journalist, and government officials
- d) Farmers and traders

Answer: c) A young scientist, a journalist, and government officials

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- 34. What genre does "Aliens in Delhi" belong to?
- a) Historical fiction
- b) Romance
- c) Science fiction
- d) Mystery

Answer: c) Science fiction

- 35. What major theme is explored in "Aliens in Delhi"?
- a) Historical events

- b) Global politics and human nature
- c) Traditional culture
- d) Environmental issues

Answer: b) Global politics and human nature

36. How do humans react to the aliens' arrival in "Aliens in Delhi"?

- a) With immediate acceptance
- b) With fear and chaos
- c) With indifference
- d) With celebration

Answer: b) With fear and chaos

37. What element does "Aliens in Delhi" blend with its narrative?

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- a) Humor
- b) Pure horror
- c) Historical facts
- d) Romance

Answer: a) Humor

- 38. What profession does one of the main characters hold in "Aliens in Delhi"?
- a) Detective

- b) Journalist
- c) Artist
- d) Chef

Answer: b) Journalist

- 39. What impact does advanced technology have in the novel?
- a) It solves all of humanity's problems
- b) It creates new challenges and ethical dilemmas
- c) It is rejected by the society
- d) It remains unnoticed

Answer: b) It creates new challenges and ethical dilemmas

- 40. Which of the following best describes the tone of "Aliens in Delhi"?
- a) Solemn and tragic
- b) Light-hearted and comedic
- c) Action-packed with social commentary
- d) Romantic and dreamy

Answer: c) Action-packed with social commentary

41. Who is the author of the science fiction novel "1984"?

- A. Aldous Huxley
- B. George Orwell
- C. Ray Bradbury
- D. H.G. Wells
- Answer: B. George Orwell
- 42. In "Brave New World," what is the name of the drug used to control the population?

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- A. Soma
- B. Bliss
- C. Nirvana
- D. Euphoria
- Answer: A. Soma

- 43. Which science fiction novel features a dystopian future controlled by a totalitarian regime with the motto "Big Brother is watching you"?
  - A. Fahrenheit 451
  - B. The Handmaid's Tale
  - C. 1984
  - D. A Clockwork Orange
  - Answer: C. 1984

44. What is the name of the artificial intelligence that controls the spaceship in "2001: A Space Odyssey"?

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- A. GLaDOS
- B. HAL 9000
- C. Skynet
- D. VIKI
- Answer: B. HAL 9000

- 45. Who wrote "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" which inspired the film "Blade Runner"?
  - A. Isaac Asimov
  - B. Philip K. Dick
  - C. Arthur C. Clarke
  - D. William Gibson
  - Answer: B. Philip K. Dick
- 46. Which novel by H.G. Wells involves time travel?
  - A. The War of the Worlds
  - B. The Invisible Man
  - C. The Time Machine
  - D. The Island of Doctor Moreau

- Answer: C. The Time Machine

47. In the "Dune" series by Frank Herbert, what is the valuable substance found only on the planet Arrakis?

- A. Spice Melange
- B. Unobtanium
- C. Kyber Crystal
- D. Numenor
- Answer: A. Spice Melange
- 48. Which science fiction writer is known for the "Foundation" series?
  - A. Robert Heinlein
  - B. Isaac Asimov
  - C. Arthur C. Clarke

- D. Orson Scott Card
- Answer: B. Isaac Asimov

- 49. In "The Matrix," what is the name of the protagonist who learns about the true nature of reality?
  - A. Neo
  - B. Morpheus
  - C. Trinity
  - D. Cypher
  - Answer: A. Neo

- 50. Which dystopian novel features firemen who burn books as a form of censorship?
  - A. Brave New World
  - B. Fahrenheit 451

- C. The Giver
- D. We
- Answer: B. Fahrenheit 451

- 51. Who created the famous detective Sherlock Holmes?
  - A. Agatha Christie
  - B. Arthur Conan Doyle
  - C. Raymond Chandler
  - D. Dashiell Hammett
  - Answer: B. Arthur Conan Doyle
- 52. In Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," who is the detective solving the case?
  - A. Miss Marple

- B. Sherlock Holmes
- C. Hercule Poirot
- D. Philip Marlowe
- -Answer: C. Hercule Poirot

- 53. What is the name of the fictional detective created by Raymond Chandler?
  - A. Sam Spade
  - B. Philip Marlowe
  - C. Hercule Poirot
  - D. C. Auguste Dupin
  - Answer: B. Philip Marlowe

54. Which novel features the detective Sam Spade and the search for a valuable statuette?

- A. The Big Sleep
- B. The Maltese Falcon
- C. The Hound of the Baskervilles
- D. The Thin Man
- Answer: B. The Maltese Falcon

55. In Arthur Conan Doyle's stories, who is Sherlock Holmes' loyal friend and chronicler?

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- A. Inspector Lestrade
- B. Mycroft Holmes
- C. Dr. John Watson
- D. Irene Adler
- Answer: C. Dr. John Watson

56. Which detective is known for living in St. Mary Mead and solving crimes through her keen observation and understanding of human nature?

- A. Miss Marple
- B. Nancy Drew
- C. Jessica Fletcher
- D. Trixie Belden
- Answer: A. Miss Marple

57. Who is the author of the detective novel "The Big Sleep"?

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- A. Dashiell Hammett
- B. Raymond Chandler
- C. Agatha Christie
- D. P.D. James
- Answer: B. Raymond Chandler

58. In "The Hound of the Baskervilles," who is the villain terrorizing the Baskerville family?
- A. Professor Moriarty
- B. Dr. Grimesby Roylott
- C. Sir Hugo Baskerville
- D. Jack Stapleton
-Answer: D. Jack Stapleton
59. Which fictional detective is known for his "little grey cells" and meticulous approach to solving crimes?
- A. Sherlock Holmes
- B. Hercule Poirot
- C. Sam Spade
- D. Philip Marlowe

- Answer: B. Hercule Poirot

60. In which novel does the detective C. Auguste Dupin appear, often considered one of the first fictional detectives?

- A. The Murders in the Rue Morgue
- B. The Sign of the Four
- C. The Maltese Falcon
- D. The Moonstone
- Answer: A. The Murders in the Rue Morgue

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### **UNIT III**

#### **GRAPHIC /CHILDREN FICTION**

"The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn" by Hergé

"The Secret of the Unicorn" is part of the "Adventures of Tintin" series by Belgian cartoonist Hergé. In this graphic novel, young reporter Tintin buys a model ship that once belonged to Sir Francis Haddock, an ancestor of Captain Haddock. The model contains clues leading to hidden treasure. As Tintin, Captain Haddock, and their dog Snowy embark on their quest, they face dangers and adversaries, including the villainous Ivan Ivanovitch Sakharine. The story is filled with mystery, adventure, and humor as the characters unravel the secrets of the Unicorn.

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" is a classic children's novel by Lewis Carroll, published in 1865. The story follows a young girl named Alice who falls down a rabbit hole into a fantastical world filled with peculiar and anthropomorphic creatures. Throughout her journey, Alice encounters characters like the White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, and the Queen of Hearts. The novel explores themes of identity, curiosity, and the absurdity of the adult world through a series of whimsical and surreal episodes.

"Cast" by Carol Swan

"Cast" by Carol Swan is a work of fiction that explores themes of identity, culture, and the influence of societal roles. The novel focuses on characters from different backgrounds whose lives intersect in unexpected ways, revealing the impact of societal expectations and personal choices. Through intricate character development and interwoven narratives, Swan examines how individuals navigate their identities in the context of societal norms and the roles they are "cast" into.

### "Corridor" by Sarnath Banerjee

"Corridor" is a graphic novel by Indian writer and artist Sarnath Banerjee. Set in contemporary urban India, it weaves together the stories of several characters, each grappling with their own existential dilemmas. Central to the narrative is Jehangir Rangoonwalla, a bookseller in Delhi, who offers advice and philosophical insights to his customers. The novel delves into themes of urban alienation, the search for meaning, and the interplay between tradition and modernity. Banerjee's distinctive art style and storytelling capture the complexities of life in a rapidly changing society.

## Multiple Choice Questions

- 1. Who is the main protagonist of "The Secret of the Unicorn"?
- a) Captain Haddock
- b) Snowy
- c) Tintin
- d) Professor Calculus

Answer: c) Tintin

2. What object does Tintin buy that sets off the adventure in "The Secret of the Unicorn"?

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- a) A treasure map
- b) A model ship
- c) An ancient book
- d) A mysterious key

Answer: b) A model ship

- 3. Who is the villain trying to get the treasure in "The Secret of the Unicorn"?
- a) Red Rackham
- b) Ivan Ivanovitch Sakharine
- c) Rastapopoulos
- d) Dr. Müller

Answer: b) Ivan Ivanovitch Sakharine

- 4. Which character is an ancestor of Captain Haddock?
- a) Sir Francis Drake
- b) Sir Francis Haddock
- c) Sir Francis Sparrow
- d) Sir Francis Johnson

Answer: b) Sir Francis Haddock

- 5. What is the name of Tintin's dog?
- a) Spot
- b) Snowy
- c) Max
- d) Rex

Answer: b) Snowy

6. What is the ultimate goal of Tintin and Captain Haddock's quest? - a)

To find a lost city

- b) To recover a stolen artifact
- c) To discover hidden treasure
- d) To capture a fugitive

Answer: c) To discover hidden treasure

- 7. How many model ships are there in the story that are key to finding the treasure?
- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

Answer: c) Three

- 8. What does the hidden message in the model ships lead to?
- a) A secret society
- b) An underground tunnel
- c) A sunken ship
- d) A hidden cave

Answer: c) A sunken ship

- 9. What type of genre best describes "The Secret of the Unicorn"?
  - a) Fantasy
- b) Science fiction

- c) Mystery and Adventure
- d) Horror

Answer: c) Mystery and Adventure

- 10. Who created the "Adventures of Tintin" series?
- a) A.A. Milne
- b) Enid Blyton
- c) Hergé
- d) Roald Dahl

Answer: c) Hergé

11. Who is the protagonist of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"?

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- a) Alice
- b) The Queen of Hearts
- c) The White Rabbit
- d) The Mad Hatter

Answer: a) Alice

- 12. How does Alice enter Wonderland?
- a) Through a magical wardrobe
- b) By falling down a rabbit hole
- c) By stepping through a mirror
- d) By sailing on a boat

Answer: b) By falling down a rabbit hole

- 13. Which character is known for their disappearing act?
- a) The White Rabbit
- b) The Cheshire Cat
- c) The March Hare
- d) The Caterpillar

Answer: b) The Cheshire Cat

- 14. What is the name of the nonsensical tea party host?
- a) The King of Hearts
- b) The Cheshire Cat
- c) The Mad Hatter
- d) The Caterpillar

Answer: c) The Mad Hatter

- 15. Who constantly shouts "Off with their heads!"?
- a) The King of Hearts
- b) The Queen of Hearts
- c) The Duchess
- d) The Jabberwocky

Answer: b) The Queen of Hearts

16. What type of animal is the White Rabbit always seen checking?

- a) A pocket watch
- b) A compass
- c) A map
- d) A book

Answer: a) A pocket watch

- 17. What does Alice drink to grow larger?
- a) Magic potion
- b) Tea
- c) Lemonade
- d) Milk

Answer: a) Magic potion

- 18. Who offers Alice cryptic advice while smoking a hookah?
- a) The Mad Hatter
- b) The Caterpillar
- c) The Queen of Hearts
- d) The Cheshire Cat

Answer: b) The Caterpillar

- 19. Which character is known for the phrase "We're all mad here"?
- a) The White Rabbit

- b) The Cheshire Cat
- c) The Mad Hatter
- d) The Dormouse

Answer: b) The Cheshire Cat

- 20. What game does Alice play with the Queen of Hearts?
- a) Chess
- b) Cards
- c) Croquet
- d) Checkers

Answer: c) Croquet

- 21. Who is the author of "Cast"?
- a) Carol Swan
- b) Sarnath Banerjee
- c) J.K. Rowling
- d) Arundhati Roy

Answer: a) Carol Swan

- 22. What is the primary theme explored in "Cast"?
- a) Adventure and Exploration
- b) Identity and Societal Roles
- c) Fantasy and Magic
- d) Science and Technology

Answer: b) Identity and Societal Roles

- 23. Which genre does "Cast" belong to?
  - a) Science Fiction
- b) Historical Fiction
- c) Contemporary Fiction
- d) Fantasy

Answer: c) Contemporary Fiction

- 24. What narrative technique is prominently used in "Cast"?
- a) Stream of Consciousness
- b) First-person Narration
- c) Interwoven Narratives
- d) Epistolary Format

Answer: c) Interwoven Narratives

- 25. The characters in "Cast" come from:
- a) A single background
- b) Different backgrounds
- c) A fantasy world
- d) Historical settings

Answer: b) Different backgrounds

- 26. What is a significant element that affects the characters' lives in "Cast"?
- a) Technology
- b) Societal Expectations
- c) Magic
- d) Political Intrigue

Answer: b) Societal Expectations

- 27. How does Carol Swan examine the characters' identities?
- a) Through adventure quests
- b) Through their interactions and personal choices
- c) Through historical events
- d) Through scientific experiments

Answer: b) Through their interactions and personal choices

- 28. What is the setting of "Cast"?
- a) A fictional kingdom
- b) A futuristic city
- c) A contemporary urban environment
- d) A rural village

Answer: c) A contemporary urban environment

- 29. "Cast" primarily deals with the impact of:
- a) Technological advancement
- b) Historical revolutions

- c) Societal norms and roles
- d) Environmental conservation

Answer: c) Societal norms and roles

- 30. Which aspect is NOT a focus in "Cast"?
- a) Identity
- b) Societal Roles
- c) Interpersonal Relationships
- d) Supernatural Powers

Answer: d) Supernatural Powers

- 31. Who is the central character in "Corridor"?
- a) Jehangir Rangoonwalla
- b) Carol Swan
- c) Arjun Das
- d) Amitabha Sen

Answer: a) Jehangir Rangoonwalla

- 32. What is Jehangir Rangoonwalla's occupation?
- a) Teacher
- b) Bookseller
- c) Scientist
- d) Detective

Answer: b) Bookseller

- 33. What themes are explored in "Corridor"?
- a) Adventure and Treasure Hunting
- b) Urban Alienation and Existential Dilemmas
- c) Fantasy and Magic
- d) Historical Conflicts
- \*\*Answer:\*\* b) Urban Alienation and Existential Dilemmas
- 34. Which city is the primary setting of "Corridor"?
- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Kolkata
- d) Bangalore

Answer: b) Delhi

- 35. "Corridor" combines storytelling with:
- a) Photography
- b) Graphic Art
- c) Poetry
- d) Film Scripts

Answer: b) Graphic Art

- 36. What type of novel is "Corridor"?
- a) Science Fiction

- b) Graphic Novel
- c) Fantasy Novel
- d) Historical Novel

Answer: b) Graphic Novel

- 37. What is a major narrative element in "Corridor"?
- a) Supernatural Events
- b) Philosophical Insights
- c) Space Exploration
- d) Political Intrigue

Answer: b) Philosophical Insights

- 38. Which character type is NOT central in "Corridor"?
- a) Scientist
- b) Journalist
- c) Bookseller
- d) Government Official

Answer: d) Government Official

- 39. "Corridor" addresses the interplay between:
- a) Science and Religion

- b) Tradition and Modernity
- c) Fantasy and Reality
- d) East and West

Answer: b) Tradition and Modernity

- 40. How does Sarnath Banerjee depict urban life in "Corridor"?
- a) As a utopia
- b) Through surreal adventures
- c) With a focus on its complexities and challenges
- d) As a historical recount

Answer: c) With a focus on its complexities and challenges Graphic Fiction

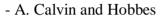
41. Who created the graphic novel "Watchmen," known for its complex storyline and deconstruction of superhero tropes?\*

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- A. Alan Moore
- B. Frank Miller
- C. Neil Gaiman
- D. Grant Morrison

- Answer: A. Alan Moore

42. Which graphic novel series follows the adventures of a young boy and his pet tiger in a whimsical world?



- B. Garfield

- C. Peanuts

- D. Asterix

- Answer: A. Calvin and Hobbes

43. In "Maus" by Art Spiegelman, what does the author use to depict different groups of people?

- A. Dogs and cats

- B. Birds and fish

- C. Mice and cats

- D. Bears and rabbits
- Answer: C. Mice and cats

- 44. Which graphic novel explores the story of a young girl navigating her way through a surreal and dangerous fantasy world called Wonderland?
  - A. Maus
  - B. Sandman
  - C. Alice in Wonderland
  - D. Fables
  - Answer: C. Alice in Wonderland

- 45. Who created the graphic novel series "Bone," featuring three cousins lost in a mysterious valley?
  - A. Jeff Smith
  - B. Bryan Lee O'Malley

- C. Raina Telgemeier
- D. Stan Sakai
- Answer: A. Jeff Smith

46. Which graphic novel explores the life of an Iranian girl during the Islamic Revolution and subsequent war?

- A. Persepolis
- B. Ghost World
- C. Fun Home
- D. Blankets
- Answer: A. Persepolis

47. In "Saga" by Brian K. Vaughan and Fiona Staples, what species are the main characters, Alana and Marko?

- A. Humans and elves

- B. Robots and aliens
- C. Vampires and werewolves
- D. Winged creatures and sea monsters
- Answer: B. Robots and aliens

- 48. Which graphic novel series features a dystopian society where children are forced to fight to the death in an annual event called the Hunger Games?
  - A. V for Vendetta
  - B. Y: The Last Man
  - C. Scott Pilgrim
  - SHAMI JI MAHARAJ UNIVERS - D. The Hunger Games
  - Answer: D. The Hunger Games

49. Who is the creator of the graphic novel "Persepolis," which depicts her childhood in Iran during the Islamic Revolution?

- A. Raina Telgemeier
- B. Marjane Satrapi
- C. Alison Bechdel
- D. Jeff Lemire
- Answer: B. Marjane Satrapi

50. Which graphic novel series follows a group of survivors in a zombie apocalypse, focusing on themes of survival and morality?

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- A. The Walking Dead
- B. Saga
- C. Sandman
- D. Fables
- Answer: A. The Walking Dead

- 51. Who wrote "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," a children's novel about a boy who wins a tour of a magical chocolate factory?
  - A. Roald Dahl
  - B. J.K. Rowling
  - C. Dr. Seuss
  - D. Enid Blyton
  - Answer: A. Roald Dahl

52. In "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," which house does the Sorting Hat initially consider placing Harry in?

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- A. Gryffindor
- B. Slytherin
- C. Hufflepuff
- D. Ravenclaw
- Answer: B. Slytherin

- 53. Who is the author of "The Cat in the Hat," a children's book featuring a mischievous cat in a tall striped hat?
  - A. Beatrix Potter
  - B. Dr. Seuss
  - C. Maurice Sendak
  - D. Shel Silverstein
  - Answer: B. Dr. Seuss

- 54. Which children's novel by E.B. White features a pig named Wilbur and his friendship with a spider named Charlotte?
  - A. Stuart Little
  - B. Charlotte's Web
  - C. The Trumpet of the Swan
  - D. The Boxcar Children

- Answer: B. Charlotte's Web

55. Who wrote "Matilda," a children's novel about a young girl with telekinetic abilities who loves reading?



- B. J.K. Rowling

- C. Dr. Seuss

- D. Enid Blyton

- Answer: A. Roald Dahl

56. In "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis, what is the name of the magical lion who rules over Narnia?

- A. Aslan
- B. Gandalf
- C. Mufasa

- D. Simba
- Answer: A. Aslan

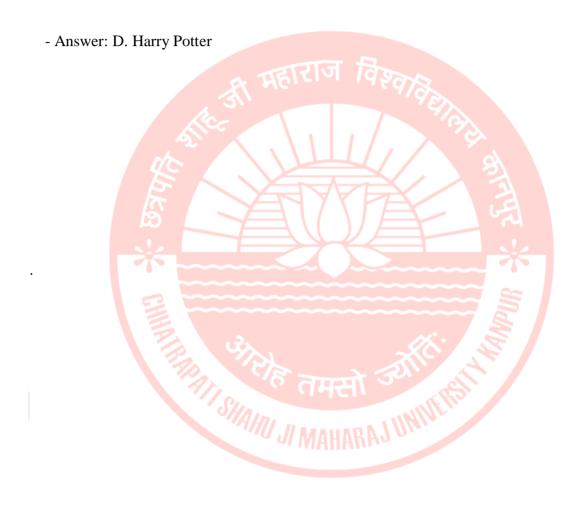
- 57. Who created the character of Peter Pan, the boy who never grows up, in the novel "Peter Pan"?
  - A. J.M. Barrie
  - B. Lewis Carroll
  - C. L. Frank Baum
  - D. Kenneth Grahame
  - Answer: A. J.M. Barrie
- 58. Which children's novel by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry tells the story of a young prince who travels from planet to planet?
  - A. The Little Engine That Could
  - B. Winnie-the-Pooh

- C. The Velveteen Rabbit
- D. The Little Prince
- Answer: D. The Little Prince

- 59. Who wrote "Where the Wild Things Are," a children's book about a boy named Max who sails to an island inhabited by monsters?
  - A. Maurice Sendak
  - B. Roald Dahl
  - C. Shel Silverstein
  - D. Beatrix Potter
  - Answer: A. Maurice Sendak

- 60. Which children's book series by J.K. Rowling follows the adventures of a young wizard named Harry Potter and his friends at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?
  - A. Percy Jackson & the Olympians

- B. The Chronicles of Narnia
- C. The Lord of the Rings
- D. Harry Potter



## **UNIT IV**

## MAGIC REALISM /FANTASY

"A Wizard of Earthsea" by Ursula K. Le Guin

"A Wizard of Earthsea" is a fantasy novel by Ursula K. Le Guin, the first book in the Earthsea series. It follows the story of Ged, a young boy with innate magical talent, who is taken to a wizarding school on the island of Roke. Driven by ambition and pride, Ged inadvertently releases a dark shadow during a duel with another student. This shadow becomes a powerful adversary that Ged must confront and overcome to restore balance and peace. The novel explores themes of power, responsibility, and self-discovery as Ged matures and learns the true nature of magic.

"Beloved" by Toni Morrison

"Beloved" is a powerful and haunting novel by Toni Morrison, set after the American Civil War. It tells the story of Sethe, an escaped slave who lives with her daughter Denver in a house haunted by a malevolent spirit. The ghost is believed to be Sethe's dead daughter, beloved, whose memory torments her. The arrival of a mysterious young woman, also named Beloved, brings painful memories and secrets to the surface. The novel addresses themes of slavery, motherhood, trauma, and the struggle for identity and freedom. Morrison's lyrical prose and rich character development create a profound exploration of the African American experience.

"Midnight's Children" by Salman Rushdie

"Midnight's Children" is a novel by Salman Rushdie that intertwines India's transition from British colonialism to independence and the partition of British India. The protagonist,

Saleem Sinai, is born at the exact moment of India's independence on August 15, 1947. He discovers that all children born in India between midnight and 1 AM on this date have special powers, with his being telepathy. The novel explores themes of identity, magic realism, and historical and political events, using Saleem's life as a metaphor for the nation's tumultuous history.

"Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J.K. Rowling

"Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" is the first book in the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. The story follows a young boy, Harry Potter, who discovers on his eleventh birthday that he is a wizard. He is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. At Hogwarts, Harry makes friends and enemies and learns about his past, his parents' deaths at the hands of the dark wizard Voldemort, and his own role in the magical world. The climax involves Harry discovering the Philosopher's Stone and preventing Voldemort from obtaining it to regain power.

## Multiple Choice Questions

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- 1. Who is the protagonist of "A Wizard of Earthsea"?
- a) Sparrowhawk
- b) Ged
- c) Jasper
- d) Ogion

Answer: b) Ged

- 2. What is Ged's true name?
- a) Sparrowhawk
- b) Ged
- c) Duny
- d) Tenar

Answer: c) Duny

3. Where does Ged go to learn magic? - a)

The island of Gont

- b) The island of Roke
- c) The island of Pendor
- d) The island of Osskil

Answer: b) The island of Roke

4. What does Ged accidentally release during a duel?

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- a) A dragon
- b) A dark shadow
- c) A sea monster
- d) A storm

Answer: b) A dark shadow

- 5. Who is Ged's first teacher?
- a) Ogion
- b) Jasper
- c) Vetch
- d) Master Namer

Answer: a) Ogion

- 6. What is Ged's nickname?
- a) Shadow hunter
- b) Sparrow hawk

- c) Fire lord
- d) Storm bringer

Answer: b) Sparrowhawk

- 7. What is the main theme of "A Wizard of Earthsea"?
- a) Friendship and Loyalty
- b) Power and Responsibility
- c) Love and Sacrifice
- d) War and Peace

Answer: b) Power and Responsibility

- 8. What does Ged need to confront to restore balance?
- a) A rival wizard
- b) His own shadow
- c) A mythical creature
- d) A magical artifact

Answer: b) His own shadow

- 9. What lesson does Ged learn throughout the novel?
- a) The importance of wealth
- b) The value of solitude
- c) The true nature of magic and self-discovery

- d) The power of physical strength

Answer: c) The true nature of magic and self-discovery

10. What role does Vetch play in Ged's journey?

- a) Antagonist
- b) Mentor
- c) Rival
- d) Friend and companion

Answer: d) Friend and companion

- 11. Who is the protagonist of "Beloved"?
- a) Denver
- b) Beloved
- c) Sethe
- d) Paul D

Answer: c) Sethe

12. What haunts Sethe's house?

- a) A ghost
- b) A demon
- c) A witch
- d) A vampire

Answer: a) A ghost

- 13. What is the name of Sethe's daughter?
- a) Denver
- b) Beloved
- c) Ella
- d) Baby Suggs

Answer: a) Denver

- 14. Who does Sethe believe the ghost to be?
- a) Her mother
- b) Her sister
- c) Her dead daughter
- d) A former slave

Answer: c) Her dead daughter

- 15. Who arrives at Sethe's house and stirs up old memories?
- a) Paul D
- b) Stamp Paid
- c) Mr. Garner
- d) A mysterious young woman named Beloved

Answer: d) A mysterious young woman named Beloved

- 16. What major theme does "Beloved" explore?
- a) Adventure and Exploration
- b) Slavery and its aftermath
- c) Science and Technology
- d) Fantasy and Magic

Answer: b) Slavery and its aftermath

- 17. What does Sethe try to do to her children to save them from slavery?
- a) Run away with them
- b) Hide them
- c) Kill them
- d) Send them north

Answer: c) Kill them

- 18. What does the character Paul D represent in the novel? MAHARAJ UNIVERS
- a) A reminder of slavery
- b) A symbol of freedom
- c) A love interest for Sethe
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

19. What literary style is "Beloved" known for?

- a) Magical realism
- b) Gothic horror
- c) Realism
- d) Science fiction

Answer: a) Magical realism

- 20. What does the character Beloved symbolize?
- a) Hope
- b) The past and its unresolved traumas
- c) Future aspirations
- d) Wealth and prosperity

Answer: b) The past and its unresolved traumas

- 21. Who is the protagonist of "Midnight's Children"?
- a) Shiva
- b) Parvati
- c) Saleem Sinai
- d) Padma

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- 22. When is Saleem Sinai born?
- a) August 15, 1947
- b) January 1, 1950
- c) July 4, 1946
- d) December 25, 1945

Answer: a) August 15, 1947

- 23. What special ability does Saleem have?
- a) Invisibility
- b) Telepathy
- c) Time travel
- d) Super strength

Answer: b) Telepathy

- 24. What significant historical event coincides with Saleem's birth?
  - a) Partition of India
- b) Indian Independence
- c) Quit India Movement
- d) Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi

Answer: b) Indian Independence

- 25. How are the children born during the midnight hour connected?
- a) They all have magical powers
- b) They share a telepathic bond
- c) They can time travel
- d) They are all royalty

Answer: b) They share a telepathic bond

- 26. What genre best describes "Midnight's Children"?
- a) Science Fiction
- b) Magic Realism
- c) Historical Fiction
- d) Gothic Fiction

Answer: b) Magic Realism

- 27. Who is Saleem's chief rival among the Midnight's Children?
- a) Shiva
- b) Parvati
- c) Padma
- d) Jamila

Answer: a) Shiva

- 28. What is Saleem's primary role in the novel?
- a) A freedom fighter
- b) A historian and storyteller
- c) A soldier
- d) A politician

Answer: b) A historian and storyteller

29. What is the purpose of the Midnight's Children's Conference?

- a) To overthrow the government
- b) To unite and explore their powers
- c) To start a new country
- d) To find hidden treasures

Answer: b) To unite and explore their powers

- 30. What does Saleem use as a metaphor for India's history?
- a) His family's lineage
- b) His personal experiences
- c) His dreams
- d) His magical powers

Answer: b) His personal experiences

31. Who is the protagonist of "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone"?

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- a) Hermione Granger
- b) Ron Weasley
- c) Albus Dumbledore
- d) Harry Potter

Answer: d) Harry Potter

32. What is the name of the school Harry attends?

- a) Beauxbatons Academy
- b) Durmstrang Institute
- c) Ilvermorny School
- d) Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

Answer: d) Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

- 33. Who informs Harry that he is a wizard?
- a) Albus Dumbledore
- b) Hagrid
- c) Professor McGonagall
- d) Sirius Black

Answer: b) Hagrid

- 34. What house is Harry sorted into?
- a) Slytherin
- b) Ravenclaw
- c) Hufflepuff
- d) Gryffindor

Answer: d) Gryffindor

35. What position does Harry play on the Quidditch team?

- a) Chaser
- b) Beater
- c) Keeper
- d) Seeker

Answer: d) Seeker

- 36. Who are Harry's best friends at Hogwarts?
- a) Draco Malfoy and Neville Longbottom
- b) Fred and George Weasley
- c) Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger
- d) Seamus Finnigan and Dean Thomas

Answer: c) Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger

- 37. Who is the main antagonist in "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone"?
- a) Severus Snape
- b) Draco Malfoy
- c) Voldemort
- d) Lucius Malfoy

Answer: c) Voldemort

- 38. What magical object are Harry and his friends trying to protect?
- a) The Goblet of Fire
- b) The Philosopher's Stone
- c) The Sword of Gryffindor
- d) The Marauder's Map

Answer: b) The Philosopher's Stone

- 39. Who is the Potions Master at Hogwarts?
- a) Albus Dumbledore
- b) Minerva McGonagall
- c) Severus Snape
- d) Remus Lupin

Answer: c) Severus Snape

- 40. What is the name of Harry's pet owl?
- a) Hedwig
- b) Crookshanks
- c) Scabbers
- d) Fang

Answer: a) Hedwig

- 41. Which author is often credited with popularizing the term "magic realism" through his works?
  - A. Gabriel García Márquez
  - B. Salman Rushdie
  - C. Isabel Allende
  - D. Haruki Murakami

- Answer: A. Gabriel García Márquez

42. In "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel García Márquez, what is the name of the fictional town where the story is set?





- C. Miramar

- D. Santa Teresa

- Answer: A. Macondo

43. Which novel by Haruki Murakami combines elements of everyday life with surreal and fantastical occurrences?

- A. Kafka on the Shore
- B. Norwegian Wood
- C. The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle

- D. 1Q84
- Answer: C. The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle
- 44. Who wrote "The House of the Spirits," a novel that blends magical realism with social and political themes in Latin America?
  - A. Isabel Allende
  - B. Jorge Luis Borges
  - C. Julio Cortázar
  - D. Mario Vargas Llosa
  - Answer: A. Isabel Allende

- 45. Which novel by Salman Rushdie tells the story of a boy born at the exact moment of India's independence and his magical journey through life?
  - A. Midnight's Children
  - B. The Satanic Verses

- C. Shame
- D. Haroun and the Sea of Stories
- Answer: A. Midnight's Children

- 46. In magic realism, what distinguishes magical elements from typical fantasy?
  - A. They are explained through scientific principles.
  - B. They are integrated into everyday life and accepted as normal.
  - C. They are used purely for entertainment purposes.
  - D. They involve mythical creatures.
  - Answer: B. They are integrated into everyday life and accepted as normal.

- 47. Which novel by Laura Esquivel combines cooking recipes with magical realism, focusing on the life of a young woman named Tita?
  - A. Like Water for Chocolate

- B. The House of Spirits
- C. Love in the Time of Cholera
- D. The Shadow of the Wind
- Answer: A. Like Water for Chocolate

48. Who wrote "The Master and Margarita," a novel that blends fantasy, romance, and political satire set in Soviet Russia?

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- A. Mikhail Bulgakov
- B. Italo Calvino
- C. Milan Kundera
- D. Franz Kafka
- Answer: A. Mikhail Bulgakov

49. Which Latin American author wrote "Hopscotch," a novel that experiments with narrative structure and blends reality with fantasy?

- A. Julio Cortázar
- B. Roberto Bolaño
- C. Carlos Fuentes
- D. Juan Rulfo
- Answer: A. Julio Cortázar

- 50. In "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka, what fantastical transformation happens to the protagonist Gregor Samsa?
  - A. He turns into a vampire.
  - B. He becomes invisible.
  - C. He transforms into a giant insect.
  - D. He gains the ability to fly.
  - Answer: C. He transforms into a giant insect.

- 51. Who is the author of "The Hobbit," a fantasy novel that serves as a prequel to "The Lord of the Rings"?
  - A. J.K. Rowling
  - B. C.S. Lewis
  - C. J.R.R. Tolkien
  - D. George R.R. Martin
  - Answer: C. J.R.R. Tolkien

52. In J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series, what magical object allows the user to become invisible?

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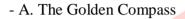
- A. Time-Turner
- B. Philosopher's Stone
- C. Invisibility Cloak
- D. Elder Wand
- Answer: C. Invisibility Cloak

53.	Who	is the	author	of the '	"Discworld"	series, a	humorous	fantasy	series se	et on a	a flat	planet
bal	anced	on th	e backs	of four	elephants st	anding o	n a giant tu	rtle?				

- A. Terry Pratchett
- B. Neil Gaiman
- C. Ursula K. Le Guin
- D. Terry Brooks
- Answer: A. Terry Pratchett
- 54. Which novel by Neil Gaiman tells the story of a boy who discovers a parallel world where mythical beings and gods exist?
  - A. Stardust
  - B. Coraline
  - C. American Gods
  - D. Neverwhere

- Answer: D. Neverwhere

55. In C.S. Lewis's "The Chronicles of Narnia," what magical object is used to travel between worlds?



- B. The Tesseract

- C. The Wardrobe

- D. The Portal Stone

- Answer: C. The Wardrobe

56. Who is the author of the "Earthsea" series, which follows the adventures of a young wizard named Ged?

- A. Ursula K. Le Guin

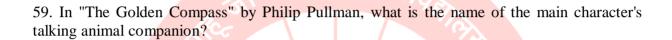
- B. Philip Pullman

- C. Patrick Rothfuss

- D. George R.R. Martin
- Answer: A. Ursula K. Le Guin

- 57. Which fantasy series by George R.R. Martin was adapted into the popular television series "Game of Thrones"?
  - A. The Kingkiller Chronicle
  - B. The Wheel of Time
  - C. A Song of Ice and Fire
  - D. The Dark Tower
  - Answer: C. A Song of Ice and Fire
- 58. Who wrote "The Name of the Wind," the first book in the "Kingkiller Chronicle" series, which follows the life of the legendary musician and adventurer Kvothe?
  - A. George R.R. Martin
  - B. Patrick Rothfuss

- C. Brandon Sanderson
- D. Terry Brooks
- Answer: B. Patrick Rothfuss



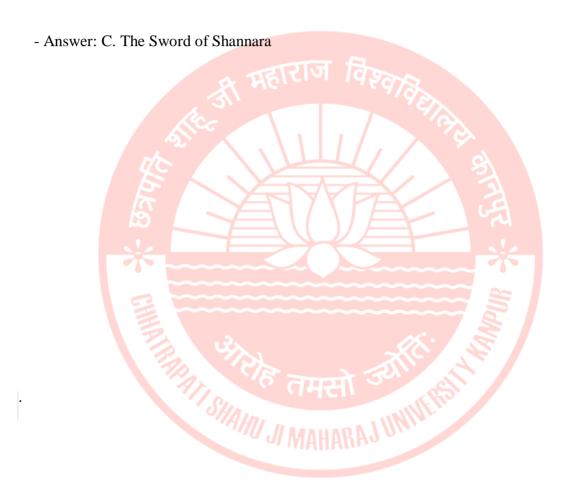
- A. Lyra
- B. Will
- C. Pan
- D. Asriel
- Answer: C. Pan

60. Which series by Terry Brooks is set in the fictional world of Shannara and features a mix of magic, elves, and epic battles?

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- A. The Belgariad

- B. The Riftwar Cycle
- C. The Sword of Shannara
- D. The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant



#### **UNIT V**

#### JUNK /CHICFICTION/HISTORICAL /MYTHOLOGY

"Beach Read" by Emily Henry

"Beach Read" is a contemporary romance novel by Emily Henry. The story follows January Andrews, a bestselling romance author who is experiencing writer's block after discovering her father's infidelity and subsequent death. She retreats to a beach house to work on her next book and meets her neighbor, Augustus Everett, an acclaimed literary fiction writer. They strike up an unlikely friendship and agree to swap genres: January will write a literary novel, and Gus will write a romance. As they delve into each other's worlds, they confront their pasts and develop deeper feelings for each other. The novel explores themes of grief, forgiveness, and the power of storytelling.

"Sisters" by Shobha De

"Sisters" is a novel by Shobha De that revolves around the lives of four wealthy and privileged sisters living in Mumbai. The story delves into the complexities of their relationships, their struggles with societal expectations, and their desires for independence and fulfillment. Each sister faces her own challenges and desires, from navigating love and marriage to pursuing personal and professional ambitions. As they navigate the intricacies of family dynamics and societal pressures, they must confront their own vulnerabilities and redefine their identities. "Sisters" offers a glimpse into the lives of modern Indian women and explores themes of family, love, and self-discovery.

"Cuckold" by Kiran Nagarkar

"Cuckold" by Kiran Nagarkar is a historical novel set in 16th-century India during the reign of Mughal Emperor Akbar. The story revolves around the life of Maharaj Kumar, a prince who is married to the beautiful and intelligent queen, Rani Meera. Despite their deep love for each other, their marriage is challenged by political intrigue, betrayal, and the influence of Akbar's court. The novel explores themes of power, ambition, love, and betrayal against the backdrop of a vibrant and complex historical setting. Through rich characterization and intricate plotting, Nagarkar offers a compelling narrative that captures the tumultuous era of Mughal India.

"The Immortals of Meluha" by Amish Tripathi

"The Immortals of Meluha" is the first book in the Shiva Trilogy by Amish Tripathi. Set in the mythical land of Meluha, the story follows Shiva, a tribal warrior who is hailed as the Neelkanth, the prophesied savior of Meluha. Shiva embarks on a journey to fulfill his destiny and protect Meluha from its enemies, including the Chandravanshis and the Nagas. Along the way, he encounters love, friendship, and betrayal, as well as divine revelations about his own identity and purpose. The novel blends elements of mythology, fantasy, and adventure to create an epic tale of heroism, destiny, and the eternal struggle between good and evil.

## **Multiple Choice Questions**

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- 1. Who is the protagonist of "Beach Read"?
- a) Augustus Everett
- b) January Andrews
- c) Gus
- d) January Jones

Answer: b) January Andrews

2. What genre does January write?

- a) Literary fiction
- b) Mystery
- c) Romance
- d) Fantasy

Answer: c) Romance

- 3. Why does January go to a beach house?
- a) To escape her job
- b) To confront her ex-boyfriend
- c) To work on her next book
- d) To go on vacation Answer: c) To work on her next book
- 4. Who is January's neighbor at the beach house?

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- a) Augustus Everett
- b) Gus
- c) August
- d) All of the above

Answer: a) Augustus Everett

- 5. What agreement do January and Gus make?
- a) To share the beach house

- b) To write each other's books
- c) To collaborate on a romance novel
- d) To keep their distance

Answer: b) To write each other's books

- 6. What genre does Gus write?
- a) Romance
- b) Mystery
- c) Literary fiction
- d) Science fiction

Answer: c) Literary fiction

7. What is January struggling with at the beginning of the novel? - a)

Writer's block

- b) Relationship issues
- c) Financial problems
- d) Health issues

Answer: a) Writer's block

- 8. What is the setting of "Beach Read"?
- a) New York City
- b) Los Angeles
- c) London
- d) A beach town

Answer: d) A beach town

- 9. What theme is explored in "Beach Read"?
- a) Friendship
- b) Forgiveness
- c) Romance
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

- 10. What lesson do January and Gus learn throughout the novel?
- a) The importance of honesty and vulnerability -
- b) The power of secrets and lies
- c) The value of competition and rivalry
- d) The significance of wealth and status

Answer: a) The importance of honesty and vulnerability

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- 11. Who is the author of "Sisters"?
- a) Emily Henry
- b) Shobha De
- c) Jane Austen
- d) Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer: b) Shobha De

- 12. What is the primary setting of "Sisters"?
- a) New York City
- b) London

- c) Mumbai
- d) Paris

Answer: c) Mumbai

- 13. How many sisters are the main focus of the novel?
- a) Two
- b) Three
- c) Four
- d) Five

Answer: c) Four

- 14. What social class do the sisters belong to?
- a) Lower class
- b) Middle class
- c) Upper class
- d) Working class

Answer: c) Upper class

- 15. What themes are explored in "Sisters"?
- a) Family dynamics
- b) Love and relationships
- c) Societal expectations
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

- 16. What challenges do the sisters face?
- a) Navigating love and marriage
- b) Pursuing personal and professional ambitions
- c) Dealing with societal pressures
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

- 17. What is the name of the city where the sisters live?
- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Kolkata
- d) Chennai

Answer: a) Mumbai

- 18. What is a central aspect of the sisters' lives?
- a) Their careers
- b) Their relationships with each other
- c) Their social status
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

- 19. How does the novel portray modern Indian women?
- a) As independent and ambitious
- b) As traditional and submissive
- c) As passive and obedient
- d) As rebellious and defiant Answer: a) As independent and ambitious
- 20. What is the significance of the title "Sisters"?
- a) It emphasizes the bond between siblings
- b) It highlights the importance of female relationships
- c) It reflects the themes of family and sisterhood
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

- 21. Who is the author of "Cuckold"?
- a) Kiran Nagarkar
- b) Amish Tripathi
- c) Salman Rushdie
- d) Arundhati Roy

Answer: a) Kiran Nagarkar

22. What is the setting of "Cuckold"?

- a) 21st-century India
- b) Ancient Greece
- c) 16th-century Mughal India
- d) Victorian England

Answer: c) 16th-century Mughal India

- 23. Who is the protagonist of "Cuckold"?
- a) Shiva
- b) Maharaj Kumar
- c) Rani Meera
- d) Emperor Akbar

Answer: b) Maharaj Kumar

- 24. What is Maharaj Kumar's relationship with Rani Meera?
  - a) Father and daughter
- b) Brother and sister
- c) Husband and wife
- d) Master and servant

Answer: c) Husband and wife

25. What challenges do Maharaj Kumar and Rani Meera face in their marriage?

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- a) Political intrigue and betrayal
- b) Economic hardship
- c) Religious persecution
- d) Natural disasters

Answer: a) Political intrigue and betrayal

26. Who is the ruler of the Mughal Empire in "Cuckold"?

- a) Ashoka the Great
- b) Aurangzeb
- c) Akbar the Great
- d) Shah Jahan

Answer: c) Akbar the Great

27. What themes are explored in "Cuckold"?

- a) Power, ambition, love, and betrayal
- b) War and conquest
- c) Mythology and folklore
- d) Science and technology

Answer: a) Power, ambition, love, and betrayal

28. What is the significance of the title "Cuckold"?

- a) It refers to the protagonist's occupation
- b) It symbolizes betrayal and infidelity
- c) It represents the main character's name

- d) It denotes a political title

Answer: b) It symbolizes betrayal and infidelity

- 29. What historical period does "Cuckold" depict?
- a) The Renaissance
- b) The Middle Ages
- c) The Mughal Era
- d) The Industrial Revolution

Answer: c) The Mughal Era

- 30. What is the narrative style of "Cuckold"?
- a) First-person narration
- b) Third-person omniscient narration
- c) Second-person narration
- d) Stream-of-consciousness narration

Answer: b) Third-person omniscient narration

- 31. Who is the author of "The Immortals of Meluha"?
- a) Kiran Nagarkar
- b) Amish Tripathi
- c) Salman Rushdie

- d) Arundhati Roy

Answer: b) Amish Tripathi

- 32. What is the setting of "The Immortals of Meluha"?
  - a) Modern-day India
- b) Ancient Egypt
- c) Mythical land of Meluha
- d) Roman Empire

Answer: c) Mythical land of Meluha

33. Who is the protagonist of "The Immortals of Meluha"?

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- a) Maharaj Kumar
- b) Shiva
- c) Rani Meera
- d) Emperor Akbar

Answer: b) Shiva

- 34. What is Shiva's role in Meluha?
- a) Emperor
- b) Warrior
- c) Priest
- d) Merchant

Answer: b) Warrior

- 35. What is Shiva's destiny in "The Immortals of Meluha"?
  - a) To become immortal
- b) To conquer neighboring lands
- c) To save Meluha from its enemies
- d) To discover hidden treasure

Answer: c) To save Meluha from its enemies

- 36. Who are the enemies of Meluha?
- a) The Greeks
- b) The Romans
- c) The Chandravanshis and Nagas
- d) The Persians

Answer: c) The Chandravanshis and Nagas

- 37. What genre does "The Immortals of Meluha" belong to?
- a) Romance
- b) Historical fiction
- c) Mythological fantasy
- d) Science fiction

Answer: c) Mythological fantasy

38. What themes are explored in "The Immortals of Meluha"?

- a) Heroism, destiny, and the eternal struggle between good and evil - b) Political intrigue and betrayal - c) Love and relationships - d) Social class and inequality Answer: a) Heroism, destiny, and the eternal struggle between good and evil 39. Which novel by Chuck Palahniuk features a support group for people suffering from terminal diseases who find solace in attending fake support groups? - A. Fight Club B. Survivor - C. Choke - D. Invisible Monsters SHAHU JI - Answer: B. Survivor
- 40. In "American Psycho" by Bret Easton Ellis, what is the profession of the protagonist, Patrick Bateman?
  - A. Lawyer

- B. Doctor
- C. Investment banker
- D. Artist
- \*Answer: C. Investment banker\*
- 41.\*Who is the author of "Trainspotting," a novel set in Edinburgh that explores the lives of heroin addicts?
- A. Irvine Welsh
  - B. Nick Hornby
  - C. Anthony Burgess
  - D. Martin Amis
  - Answer: A. Irvine Welsh
- 42. Which novel by Irvine Welsh is a prequel to "Trainspotting," focusing on the early lives of its characters?
  - A. Glue
  - B. Filth

- C. Porno
- D. Crime
- Answer: A. Glue
- 43. Who wrote the novel "The Catcher in the Rye," which follows the experiences of teenager Holden Caulfield in New York City?
  - A. J.D. Salinger
  - B. F. Scott Fitzgerald
  - C. Ernest Hemingway
  - D. John Steinbeck
  - Answer: A. J.D. Salinger
- 44. In "Less Than Zero" by Bret Easton Ellis, what city is the novel set in?
  - A. Los Angeles
  - B. New York City
  - C. Chicago

- D. Miami
- Answer: A. Los Angeles
- 45. Which novel by Irvine Welsh follows the life of a corrupt police officer in Edinburgh, Scotland?
  - A. Filth
  - B. Glue
  - C. Trainspotting
  - D. Crime
  - Answer: A. Filth
- 46. Who wrote "Glamorama," a novel that combines elements of celebrity culture, fashion, and terrorism?
  - A. Bret Easton Ellis
  - B. Chuck Palahniuk
  - C. Irvine Welsh
  - D. Don DeLillo

- Answer: A. Bret Easton Ellis
- 47. Which novel by Hilary Mantel portrays the life of Thomas Cromwell in the court of King Henry VIII of England?
  - A. Wolf Hall
  - B. The Other Boleyn Girl
  - C. The Tudor Secret
  - D. The Queen's Fool
  - Answer: A. Wolf Hall
- 48. Who wrote "The Pillars of the Earth," a historical novel set in 12th-century England during the building of a cathedral?

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- A. Ken Follett
- B. Philippa Gregory
- C. Bernard Cornwell
- D. Diana Gabaldon
- Answer: A. Ken Follett

49. In "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr, which historical event serves as a backdrop to the story?

- A. World War I
- B. Vietnam War
- C. World War II
- D. Cold War
- Answer: C. World War II
- 50. Who is the author of "The Book Thief," a novel set in Nazi Germany narrated by Death?

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- A. Markus Zusak
- B. Anthony Doerr
- C. Kate Atkinson
- D. Ian McEwan
- Answer: A. Markus Zusak
- 51. Which novel by Philippa Gregory tells the story of Anne Boleyn, the second wife of King Henry VIII of England?

- A. The White Queen
- B. The Other Boleyn Girl
- C. The Constant Princess
- D. The Boleyn Inheritance
- Answer: B. The Other Boleyn Girl
- 52. Who wrote "Shogun," a novel set in feudal Japan during the 17th century, focusing on an English navigator's experiences?
  - A. James Clavell
  - B. James Michener
  - C. Herman Wouk
  - TI SHAHUJII - D. Colleen McCullough
  - Answer: A. James Clavell
- 53. In Greek mythology, who is the god of the sea?
  - A. Zeus

- B. Poseidon
- C. Hades
- D. Apollo
- Answer: B. Poseidon
54. Who is the Norse god of thunder in Norse mythology?
- A. Odin
- B. Loki
- C. Thor
- D. Freyja
- Answer: C. Thor
55. In Hindu mythology, who is the god of creation and the preserver of the unive

55. In Hindu mythology, who is the god of creation and the preserver of the universe?

- A. Vishnu
- B. Brahma

- C. Shiva
- D. Ganesh
- Answer: A. Vishnu
- 56. Who is the Greek goddess of wisdom, warfare, and handicrafts?
  - A. Aphrodite
  - B. Athena
  - C. Hera
  - D. Artemis
  - Answer: B. Athena
- 57. In Egyptian mythology, who is the god of the afterlife and the dead?
  - A. Osiris
  - B. Anubis
  - C. Ra

- D. Horus
- Answer: B. Anubis
- 58. Who is the Japanese sun goddess in Japanese mythology?
  - A. Amaterasu
  - B. Izanami
  - C. Susanoo
  - D. Tsukuyomi
  - Answer: A. Amaterasu
- 59. In Norse mythology, which creature is depicted as a serpent that encircles the world?

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- A. Jörmungandr
- B. Nidhogg
- C. Fenrir
- D. Sleipnir

- Answer: A. Jörmungandr
- 60. Who is the Roman god of war in Roman mythology, equivalent to the Greek god Ares?
  - A. Mars



## **UNIT VI**

#### FILM ADAPTATION

Bridget Jones's Diary" directed by Sharon Maguire

"Bridget Jones's Diary" is a romantic comedy film directed by Sharon Maguire, based on the novel of the same name by Helen Fielding. The story follows Bridget Jones, a single woman in her thirties living in London, as she navigates her career, relationships, and personal struggles. Bridget decides to take control of her life by keeping a diary, where she documents her humorous mishaps, romantic misadventures, and attempts to find love. The film explores themes of self-discovery, societal pressures, and the complexities of modern relationships, all presented with wit, charm, and a healthy dose of British humor.

"The Da Vinci Code" directed by Ron Howard

"The Da Vinci Code" is a mystery thriller film directed by Ron Howard, based on the bestselling novel by Dan Brown. The story follows symbologist Robert Langdon and cryptologist Sophie Neveu as they unravel a series of clues and uncover a centuries-ld conspiracy involving the Catholic Church, secret societies, and the hidden truths behind the works of Leonardo da Vinci. As Langdon and Neveu race against time to solve the mystery, they encounter danger, betrayal, and shocking revelations that challenge their beliefs and shake the foundations of history. The film explores themes of religion, symbolism, and the search for truth, offering a gripping and suspenseful cinematic experience.

"Murder on the Orient Express" directed by Kenneth Branagh

"Murder on the Orient Express" is a mystery drama film directed by Kenneth Branagh, based on the novel of the same name by Agatha Christie. The story revolves around world renowned detective Hercule Poirot, who is traveling on the luxurious Orient Express train when a murder occurs. With the train stranded due to a snowstorm, Poirot must use his keen powers of observation and deduction to unravel the mystery and identify the culprit among the eclectic group of passengers. As Poirot delves deeper into the investigation, he uncovers dark secrets and hidden motives, leading to a shocking revelation. The film masterfully combines elements of suspense, intrigue, and classic whodunit storytelling, paying homage to Agatha Christie's timeless tale of murder and deception.

" A Wrinkle in Time" directed by Ava DuVernay (Disney Hotstar)

"A Wrinkle in Time" is a fantasy adventure film directed by Ava DuVernay, based on the novel of the same name by Madeleine L'Engle. The story follows Meg Murry, a young girl who embarks on a cosmic journey to find her missing father, a scientist who disappeared while researching time travel. With the help of her brother Charles Wallace, her friend Calvin, and three celestial beings known as Mrs. Which, Mrs. Whatsit, and Mrs. Who, Meg travels through space and time to rescue her father from the clutches of an evil force known as the IT. Along the way, Meg discovers her own inner strength and learns valuable lessons about love, courage, and the power of belief. The film combines stunning visual effects with themes of family, identity, and the battle between light and darkness, creating an enchanting and inspiring cinematic experience.

Twelve Years a Slave" is a historical drama film directed by Steve McQueen

Twelve Years a Slave" is a historical drama film directed by Steve McQueen, based on the autobiography of Solomon Northup. The story follows Solomon, a free African American man living in New York in the 19th century, who is abducted and sold into slavery in the South. Over the course of twelve years, Solomon experiences the horrors of slavery firsthand as he is subjected to abuse, cruelty, and injustice at the hands of various masters. Despite enduring unimaginable suffering, Solomon never loses hope of regaining his freedom and reuniting with his family. The film exposes the brutal realities of slavery while also highlighting the resilience and strength of the human spirit. Through powerful performances and poignant storytelling, "Twelve Years a Slave" confronts viewers with the harsh truths of America's past and serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle for equality and justice.

# **Multiple Choice Questions**

- 1. Who is the protagonist of "Bridget Jones's Diary"?
- a) Bridget Jones
- b) Mark Darcy
- c) Daniel Cleaver
- d) All of the above

Answer: a) Bridget Jones

- 2. Where is "Bridget Jones's Diary" primarily set?
- a) New York City
- b) London
- c) Paris
- d) Los Angeles

Answer: b) London

3. What does Bridget decide to keep in order to document her life?

- a) A journal
- b) A blog
- c) A video diary
- d) A photo album

Answer: a) A journal

- 4. Who are Bridget's love interests in the film?
- a) Mark Darcy and Daniel Cleaver
- b) Jack and Jill
- c) Tom and Jerry
- d) Romeo and Juliet

Answer: a) Mark Darcy and Daniel Cleaver

5. What genre does "Bridget Jones's Diary" belong to? - a)

Action

- b) Romance comedy
- c) Horror
- d) Science fiction

Answer: b) Romance comedy

6. Who directed "Bridget Jones's Diary"? -a)

Ron Howard

- b) Sharon Maguire
- c) Kenneth Branagh
- d) Steven Spielberg

Answer: b) Sharon Maguire

- 7. What does Bridget struggle with throughout the film? a)
- Finding a job
- b) Finding true love
- c) Finding a new apartment
- d) Finding her lost dog

Answer: b) Finding true love

- 8. What is Bridget's occupation?
- a) Lawyer
- b) Journalist
- c) Chef
- d) Teacher

Answer: b) Journalist

- 9. What is the name of Bridget's boss?
- a) Mark Darcy
- b) Daniel Cleaver
- c) Perpetua
- d) Tom

Answer: c) Perpetua

10. What is the famous line Bridget often says in the film?

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- a) "I'll be back."
- b) "You complete me."

- c) "You had me at hello."
- d) "Just keep swimming."

Answer: c) "Just keep swimming."

- 11. Who is the protagonist of "The Da Vinci Code"?
- a) Hercule Poirot
- b) Sophie Neveu
- c) Robert Langdon
- d) Leonardo da Vinci

Answer: c) Robert Langdon

- 12. What is Robert Langdon's profession?
- a) Symbologist
- b) Detective
- c) Archaeologist
- d) Physicist

Answer: a) Syemiologist

- 13. What is the central mystery in "The Da Vinci Code"?
- a) The identity of Jack the Ripper
- b) The location of the Holy Grail
- c) The meaning of life
- d) The origin of the universe

Answer: b) The location of the Holy Grail

- 14. Who is Robert Langdon's partner in solving the mystery?
- a) Hercule Poirot
- b) Sophie Neveu
- c) Agatha Christie
- d) Leonardo da Vinci

Answer: b) Sophie Neveu

- 15. What organization does Langdon discover to be behind the conspiracy?
- a) The Illuminati
- b) The Freemasons
- c) Opus Dei
- d) The Priory of Sion

Answer: d) The Priory of Sion

- 16. Who directed "The Da Vinci Code"?
- a) Sharon Maguire
- b) Ron Howard
- c) Kenneth Branagh
- d) Steven Spielberg

Answer: b) Ron Howard

17. Where does most of the action take place in "The Da Vinci Code"?

- a) Rome
- b) Paris
- c) London
- d) New York City

Answer: b) Paris

- 18. What genre does "The Da Vinci Code" belong to?
- a) Romance
- b) Mystery thriller
- c) Comedy
- d) Horror

Answer: b) Mystery thriller

19. Who is the protagonist of "A Wrinkle in Time"?

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- a) Meg Murry
- b) Charles Wallace
- c) Calvin
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

- 20. What is Meg Murry's main objective in the film?
- a) To find her missing brother
- b) To rescue her father
- c) To defeat the evil IT

- d) To discover the meaning of life

Answer: b) To rescue her father

- 21. Who are Meg's companions on her journey?
- a) Mrs. Which, Mrs. Whatsit, and Mrs. Who
- b) Harry, Ron, and Hermione
- c) Gandalf, Legolas, and Aragorn
- d) Batman, Superman, and Wonder Woman

Answer: a) Mrs. Which, Mrs. Whatsit, and Mrs. Who

- 22. What is the evil force that Meg and her companions must confront?
- a) The Dark Lord
- b) The White Witch
- c) The IT
- d) Voldemort

Answer: c) The IT

- 23. What themes are explored in "A Wrinkle in Time"?
- a) Family, love, and courage
- b) War and conquest
- c) Politics and power
- d) Science and technology

Answer: a) Family, love, and courage

- 24. Who directed "A Wrinkle in Time"? - a) Ava DuVernay
- b) Steven Spielberg
- c) Christopher Nolan
- d) Quentin Tarantino

Answer: a) Ava DuVernay

- 25. Where does much of the story take place in "A Wrinkle in Time"?
- a) Earth
- b) Mars
- c) Jupiter
- d) The Tesseract Answer: d) The Tesseract
- 26. What is the source of Meg's strength and courage?
- a) Her intelligence
- ATISHAHUJI - b) Her family and friends
- c) Her magical powers
- d) Her weapons

Answer: b) Her family and friends

27. What is the main conflict in "A Wrinkle in Time"?

- a) Man vs. Nature
- b) Man vs. Society
- c) Man vs. Machine
- d) Man vs. Evil

Answer: d) Man vs. Evil

- 28. What age group is "A Wrinkle in Time" primarily targeted at?
- a) Children
- b) Teenagers
- c) Adults
- d) All ages

Answer: a) Children

- 29. Who is the protagonist of "Twelve Years a Slave"?
- a) Solomon Northup
- b) Frederick Douglass
- c) Harriet Tubman
- d) Nat Turner

Answer: a) Solomon Northup

30. What happens to Solomon Northup at the beginning of the film?

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- a) He is kidnapped and sold into slavery
- b) He becomes a plantation owner
- c) He escapes from slavery
- d) He joins the Underground Railroad

Answer: a) He is kidnapped and sold into slavery

- 31. How long does Solomon Northup spend in slavery?
- a) Five years
- b) Ten years
- c) Twelve years
- d) Twenty years

Answer: c) Twelve years

32. What is Solomon's occupation before he is kidnapped?

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- a) Farmer
- b) Musician
- c) Carpenter
- d) Lawyer

Answer: b) Musician

33. Where is Solomon taken after being kidnapped?

- a) New York City
- b) Washington, D.C.
- c) New Orleans
- d) Boston

Answer: c) New Orleans

- 34. Who directed "Twelve Years a Slave"?
- a) Ava DuVernay
- b) Steve McQueen
- c) Quentin Tarantino
- d) Spike Lee

Answer: b) Steve McQueen

- 35. Who directed the 2017 film adaptation of "Murder on the Orient Express"?
  - A. Kenneth Branagh
  - B. Martin Scorsese
  - C. Steven Spielberg
  - D. Christopher Nolan
  - Answer: A. Kenneth Branagh
- 36. Which actor plays the role of Detective Hercule Poirot in the 2017 film?
  - A. Kenneth Branagh
  - B. Johnny Depp
  - C. Penélope Cruz
  - D. Daisy Ridley
  - Answer: A. Kenneth Branagh
- 37. In the film, where does the murder take place?
  - A. Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train
  - B. A hotel in Istanbul
  - C. A train station in Paris
  - D. The British Museum
  - Answer: A. Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train

- 38. Who wrote the original novel "Murder on the Orient Express," on which the film is based?
  - A. Agatha Christie
  - B. Arthur Conan Doyle
  - C. Raymond Chandler
  - D. Dashiell Hammett
  - Answer: A. Agatha Christie
- 39. Which character, played by Johnny Depp, is murdered on the train?
  - A. Edward Ratchett
  - B. Hector MacOueen
  - C. Princess Dragomiroff
  - D. Pierre Michel
  - Answer: A. Edward Ratchett
- 40. Who plays the role of Mary Debenham, a suspect in the murder case?
  - A. Daisy Ridley
  - B. Michelle Pfeiffer
  - C. Judi Dench
  - D. Olivia Colman
  - Answer: A. Daisy Ridley
- 41. In the film, what is the profession of Detective Hercule Poirot?
  - A. Detective
  - B. Doctor
  - C. Lawyer
  - D. Archaeologist
  - Answer: A. Detective
- 42. Which famous landmark does the train pass by during the journey in the film?
  - A. Eiffel Tower
  - B. Statue of Liberty
  - C. Big Ben
  - D. Colosseum
  - Answer: A. Eiffel Tower
- 43. Who plays the role of Bouc, Poirot's friend and the director of the train company?
  - A. Tom Bateman
  - B. Derek Jacobi

- C. Willem Dafoe
- D. Josh Gad
- Answer: D. Josh Gad
- 44. Which character confesses to the murder at the end of the film?
  - A. Princess Dragomiroff
  - B. Hector MacQueen
  - C. Mrs. Hubbard
  - D. Edward Ratchett
  - Answer: A. Princess Dragomiroff
- 45. Who directed the film "Twelve Years a Slave," released in 2013?
  - A. Steven Spielberg
  - B. Quentin Tarantino
  - C. Steve McQueen
  - D. Ridley Scott
  - Answer: C. Steve McQueen
- 46. Which actor played the lead role of Solomon Northup in the film?
  - A. Chiwetel Ejiofor
  - B. Michael Fassbender
  - C. Lupita Nyong'o
  - D. Brad Pitt
  - Answer: A. Chiwetel Ejiofor
- 47. In which year was the film "Twelve Years a Slave" released?
  - A. 2012
  - B. 2013
  - C. 2014
  - D. 2015
  - Answer: B. 2013
- 48. What is the occupation of Solomon Northup at the beginning of the film?
  - A. Lawyer
  - B. Musician
  - C. Farmer
  - D. Doctor

- Answer: B. Musician
- 49. Which actress won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role in "Twelve Years a Slave"?
  - A. Lupita Nyong'o
  - B. Sarah Paulson
  - C. Alfre Woodard
  - D. Adepero Oduye
  - Answer: A. Lupita Nyong'o
- 50. Who played the cruel plantation owner Edwin Epps in the film?
  - A. Michael Fassbender
  - B. Brad Pitt
  - C. Benedict Cumberbatch
  - D. Paul Dano
  - Answer: A. Michael Fassbender
- 52. Which state does Solomon Northup hail from at the beginning of the film?
  - A. Louisiana
  - B. New York
  - C. Georgia
  - D. Virginia
  - Answer: B. New York
- 53. What is the name of the character played by Brad Pitt, who helps Solomon Northup secure his freedom?

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- A. Samuel Bass
- B. Ford
- C. Chapin
- D. Tibeats
- Answer: A. Samuel Bass
- 54. Which historical figure does Solomon Northup meet during his enslavement, played by Brad Pitt?
  - A. Harriet Tubman
  - B. Frederick Douglass
  - C. John Brown
  - D. Abraham Lincoln
  - Answer: B. Frederick Douglass

- 55. What was the profession of Solomon Northup before his abduction and enslavement?
  - A. Lawyer
  - B. Musician
  - C. Farmer
  - D. Teacher
  - Answer: B. Musician
- 56. Who wrote the autobiography "Twelve Years a Slave" upon which the film is based?
  - A. Frederick Douglass
  - B. Harriet Jacobs
  - C. Solomon Northup
  - D. Sojourner Truth
  - Answer: C. Solomon Northup
- 57. In the film, Solomon Northup is sold to which plantation owner after being deceived by slave traders?
  - A. Edwin Epps
  - B. William Ford
  - C. John Tibeats
  - D. Theophilus Freeman
  - Answer: B. William Ford
- 58. Which actress played the role of Mistress Shaw, a fellow slave who befriends Solomon Northup?
  - A. Adepero Oduye
  - B. Lupita Nyong'o
  - C. Alfre Woodard
  - D. Sarah Paulson
  - 7 SHAHU JI - Answer: C. Alfre Woodard
- 59. What is the primary setting for much of the film "Twelve Years a Slave"?
  - A. New York City
  - B. Washington D.C.
  - C. New Orleans
  - D. Savannah
  - Answer: C. New Orleans

- 60. Which filmmaker produced "Twelve Years a Slave" and played a significant role in bringing the film to the screen?
  - A. Quentin Tarantino
  - B. Brad Pitt
  - C. George Clooney
  - D. Steven Spielberg
  - Answer: B. Brad Pitt



## M. A. (Fourth Semester) (NEP) EXAMINATION, 2023-24

## **ENGLISH**

## (Popular Culture And Fiction)

गहाराज विकास
1. In the retelling of the Ramayana, what unique perspective does Pattanaik offer regarding Sita? Devdutt
(A) Focus on her role as a warrior
(B) Emphasis ambitions on her political
(C) Exploration of her psychological journey
(D) Portrayal as a secondary character
2. What cultural context does Devdutt Pattanaik bring to his retelling of the Ramayana?
(A) Greek mythology
(B) Chinese folklore
(C) Indian mythology
(D) Persian literature
3. Which river's banks does Shiva first encounter the Meluhan kingdom?
(A) Ganges
(B) Yamuna
(C) Saraswati

- (D) Indus
  4 Which character is known
- 4. Which character is known as the Neelkanth?
- (A) Sati
- (B) Brahaspati
- (C) Shiva
- (D) Nandi
- 5. Who is the chief of the Meluhan empire?
- (A) Daksha
- (B) Brahaspati
- (C) Ganesh
- (D) Vishwakarma
- 6. Who directed the film "Bridget Jones' Diary"?

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- (A) Sharon Maguire
- (B) Richard Curtis
- (C) Helen Fielding
- (D) Emma Thompson
- 7. What is the name of Bridget's boss in the film?
- (A) Daniel Cleaver
- (B) Mark Darcy

- (C) Tom (D) Jude 8. Where does the majority of the story take place?
- (A) London, England
- (B) Paris, France
- (C) New York City, U.S.A.
- (D) Sydney, Australia

Who wrote the original novel "Bridget Jones's Diary," on which the film is based?

- (A) Helen Fielding
- (B) J. K. Rowling
- (C) Jane Austen
- (D) Emily Brontë
- 10. Who directed the film "The Da Vinci Code (2006)"?

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- (A) Steven Spielberg
- (B) Martin Scorsese
- (C) Ron Howard
- (D) Christopher Nolan
- 11. Who plays the role of Robert Langdon in the film?
- (A) Tom Hanks
- (B) Leonardo Di Caprio

(C) Brad Pitt (D) Matt Damon 12. What artifact is sought after by the characters throughout the film? (A) The Holy Grail (B) The Ark of the Covenant (C) The Spear of Destiny (D) The Shroud of Turin 13. Who is revealed to be the true mastermind behind the events in the film? (A) Bishop Aringarosa (B) Sir Leigh Teabing (C) Silas (D) Jacques Saunière 14. Who directed the film "Murder on the Orient Express (2017)"? SHAHU JI MAHARAJ UNIVE (A) Steven Spielberg (B) Kenneth Branagh (C) Christopher Nolan (D) Martin Scorsese 15. In which year was the film "Murder on the Orient Express (2017)" released?

(A) 2016

- (B) 2017
- (C) 2018
- (D) 2019
- 16. Who plays the role of Hercule Poirot in the film?
- (A) Kenneth Branagh
- (B) Johnny Depp
- (C) Judi Dench
- (D) Michelle Pfeiffer
- 17. Who directed the film "A Wrinkle in Time (2018)"?
- (A) Steven Spielberg
- (B) Ava DuVernay
- (C) Christopher Nolan
- (D) Ridley Scott
- 18. What is the name of Meg's missing father?
- (A) Mr. Smith
- (B) Mr. Johnson
- (C) Mr. Murry
- (D) Mr. Brown
- 19. In the film, what is used as a mode of transportation to travel through space and time?
- (A) A rocket ship

(B) A magic carpet (C) A tesseract (D) A time machine 20. Which famous author wrote the novel on which the film is based? (A) J. K. Rowling (B) Madeleine L'Engle (C) Roald Dahl (D) Suzanne Collins 21. Who directed the film "Twelve Years a Slave"? (A) Quentin Tarantino (B) Steve McQueen (C) Martin Scorsese (D) Christopher Nolan 22. In which year was Solomon Northup's memoir "Twelve Years a Slave" first published? (A) 1865 (B) 1853 (C) 1901 (D) 1807 23. What accolade did "Twelve Years a Slave" receive at the Academy Awards in 2014?

(A) Best Actor (B) Best Director (C) Best Picture (D) Best Original Screenplay 24. What is the central theme of Bob Dylan's song "Blowing" in the Wind"? (A) Romantic love (B) Social injustice and inequality (C) Environmental conservation (D) Personal introspection 25. Which of the following events influenced Bob Dylan to write "Blowing in the Wind"? (A) Civil Rights Movement (B) World War II (C) Vietnam War (D) Industrial Revolution 26. In which year was "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" released by The Beatles? (A) 1962 (B) 1963 (C) 1964 (D) 1965 27. Who wrote the song "I Wanna Hold Your Hand"?

(A) Paul McCartney (B) John Lennon (C) George Harrison (D) Ringo Starr 28. In the song, what does the speaker find difficult to part with? (A) Clothes (B) Jewellery (C) Memories (D) None of the above 29. Which of the following phrases is repeated throughout the emphasizing its significance? song. (A) "Mera kuchh saman" (B) "Mere saath reh gaya" (C) "Dil ki girah khol do" (D) "Kahan chhupa rakha hai" 30. Which Bollywood singer lent his voice for the song "Chitthi Aayi Hai"? (A) Kumar Sanu (B) Mohammed Aziz (C) Pankaj Udhas (D) Udit Narayan

31. In which year was the movie 'Naam' released'?
(A) 1982
(B) 1984
(C) 1986
(D) 1988
32. When was the iconic photograph "The Terror of War" captured by Nick Ut?
(A) 1965
(B) 1972
(C) 1980
(D) 1990
33. What event does "The Terror of War" depict?
(A) The Vietnam War
(B) World War II
(C) The Korean War
(D) The Gulf War
34. Who authored the essay "Gandhi and the Spinning Wheel" in 1946?
(A) Mahatma Gandhi
(B) Margaret Bourke
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru

(D) Rabindranath Tagore 35. What is the central theme of Margaret Bourke's essay? (A) Indian Independence Movement (B) Non-violent resistance (C) The significance of the spinning wheel (D) Colonial exploitation 36. What is the central theme of Kevin Carter's photograph "Starving Child and the Vulture" taken in 1993? (A) Poverty (B) Hunger (C) Suffering (D) All of the above 37. In which country was the photograph "Starving Child and the Vulture" taken? PATISHAMI JI M (A) Somalia (B) Ethiopia (C) Sudan (D) Nigeria 38. What was the primary reason behind Kevin Carter's capturing of the photograph "Starving Child and the Vulture"?

(A) To raise awareness about famine

(B) To win a photography contest

(C) To sensationalize poverty (D) To promote his career 39. Which animal is prominently featured in Amul's advertisements? (A) Cow (B) Buffalo (C) Goat (D) Camel 40. What is the usual medium of Amul's advertisements? (A) Television (B) Print media (C) Social media (D) All of the above 41 In the advertisement, which demographic group does Airtel primarily target? SHAHU JI MAHARAJ UNIVI (A) Elderly individuals (B) Urban professionals (C) Rural communities (D) Teenagers and young adults 42. What is the main message conveyed by the advertisement?

(A) Airtel's commitment environmental conservation to

- (B) Airtel's efforts to promote social equality
- (C) Airtel's focus indulgence on luxury and
- (D) Airtel's emphasis on technological

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- 43. What is the main theme of the advertisement campaign "Anouk: Bold is Beautiful"?
- (A) Promoting a new makeup brand
- (B) Empowering women to embrace their uniqueness and individuality
- (C) Encouraging men to express themselves boldly
- (D) Advocating for lifestyle
- 44. How does the "Anouk Bold is Beautiful" campaign redefine beauty?
- (A) By promoting unrealistic beauty standards
- (B) By showcasing representations of beauty diverse
- (C) By emphasizing conformity
- (D) By excluding women of different backgrounds
- 45. What is the main message of the advertisement "Ariel: Share the load"?
- (A) Ariel detergent is the most affordable option.
- (B) Ariel detergent is the most fragrant option.
- (C) The advertisement promotes gender equality in household chores.
- (D) Ariel detergent is the most environmentally friendly option.
- 46. What could be a potential criticism of the advertisement "Ariel: Share the load"?

- (A) It lacks creativity and originality.
- (B) It promotes gender stereotypes by assuming laundry. women should do
- (C) It does not mention any specific benefits of using Ariel detergent.
- (D) It targets too broad of an audience.
- 47. What is the primary message conveyed in Dove's advertisements?
- (A) Promoting products luxury skincare
- (B) Encouraging self-confidence and embracing natural beauty
- (C) Advocating standards for high-fashion
- (D) Highlighting the use of synthetic ingredients in skincare
- 48. What is Dove's slogan that often appears in its advertisements?
- (A) "Beauty is pain."
- (B) "Everybody is beautiful."
- (C) "Perfection is attainable."
- (D) "Only the elite deserve Dove."
- 49. What is the main theme of the Vicks:

Generations of Care advertisement?

- (A) Personal hygiene
- (B) Family care and support
- (C) Environmental sustainability

- (D) Healthcare innovation50. Who are the primary characters featured in the advertisement?
- (A) Doctors
- (B) Celebrities
- (C) Generations of a family
- (D) Athletes
- 51. What product is primarily showcased in the advertisement?
- (A) Toothpaste
- (B) Laundry detergent
- (C) Tissues
- (D) Vapor rub
- 52. What does the headline "The First Footstep" likely refer to in the Evening Standard on 21st July, 1969?
- (A) The first manned mission to Mars
- (B) The first Moon landing
- (C) The first successful trans-atlantic flight
- (D) The first ascent of Mount Everest
- 53. What is the significance of the date July 21st, 1969, in relation to the Evening Standard headline?
- (A) It marks the birth of a famous scientist.
- (B) It commemorates the end of a major war.

- (C) It celebrates the first human steps on the moon.
- (D) It marks the publication of a groundbreaking scientific paper.
- 54. Which newspaper carried the headline "Mandela Goes Free Today" on 11th February, 1990?
- (A) Daily News
- (B) City Press
- (C) The Guardian
- (D) New York Times
- 55. On what date was Nelson Mandela released as reported in the headline "Mandela Goes Free Today"?
- (A) 10th February, 1990
- (B) 11th February, 1990
- (C) 12th February, 1990
- (D) 13th February, 1990
- 56. Who was the subject of the headline "Diana Dead" in The Daily News on 31st August, 1997?
- (A) Queen Elizabeth II
- (B) Princess Diana
- (C) Margaret Thatcher
- (D) Mother Teressa
- 57. On what date did The Daily News report Princess Diana's death?

(A) 30th August, 1997 (B) 31st August, 1997 (C) 1st September, 1997 (D) 2nd September, 1997 58. What was the cause of Princess Diana's death? (A) Car accident (B) Plane crash (C) Assassination (D) Illness 59. When was the headline "Birth of India's Freedom" published in the Times of India Bombay? (A) 15th August, 1947 (B) 26th January, 1950 (C) 2nd October, 1947 (D) 14th August, 1947 60. What significant event does the headline "Birth of India's Freedom" refer to?

(A) Partition of India

(B) Indian Independence Act

(C) Quit India Movement

(D) India-Pakistan War

61. What did the headline signify for India? (A) Commencement of the Indian Civil War (B) Start of the Republic Day celebrations (C) End of British rule and the beginning of Indian independence (D) Formation of the Indian National Congress 62. What invention does the protagonist create in "The Time Machine"? (A) Teleporter (B) Time machine (C) Spacecraft (D) Hover board 63. What philosophical themes are explored in "The Time Machine"? (A) Existentialism and Nihilism (B) Time and Space VISHAMIJ (C) Good vs. Evil (D) Capitalism and Socialism 64. What is the setting of "The Hound of the Baskervilles"? (A) London

(B) Devonshire

(C) New York

(D) Paris 65. Who is the famous detective in the story? (A) Sherlock Holmes (B) Hercule Poirot (C) Miss Marple (D) Sam Spade 66. Where is the setting of "Murder of Malabar Hill" primarily located? (A) Mumbai, India (B) Tokyo, Japan (C) New York City, U.S.A. (D) London, England 67. What is the social background of Perveen Mistry in "Murder on Malabar Hill"? (A) Upper class SHAHU JI MAHARAJ UNIVERS (B) Middle class (C) Lower class (D) Working class **EAL** 68. Who is the main suspect in the murder case?

(A) Perveen Mistry

(B) Alice Sodhi

(C) Khan Sahib's servant (D) Colin Sandringham 69. What is the central theme of "Aliens in Delhi" by Sami Ahmad Khan? (A) Time travel (B) Alien invasion (C) Parallel universes (D) Genetic engineering 70. In "Aliens in Delhi," what is the name of the protagonist? (A) Raghav (B) Anushka (C) Rajesh (D) Rohit 71. What is the nickname given to Francisco Scaramanga? (A) The Man in Black (B) The Man with the Golden Gun (C) The Golden Eye (D) The Silver Fox 72. Where is Francisco Scaramanga's base of operations located?

(A) Jamaica

- (B) Cuba (C) Bahamas
- (D) None of the above
- 73. What is the name of the island where the final confrontation between Bond and Scaramanga takes place?
- (A) Crab Key
- (B) San Monique
- (C) Bermuda
- (D) Jamaica
- 74. Who is the main protagonist of "The Jungle Book"?
- (A) Mowgli
- (B) Bagheera
- (C) Shere Khan
- (D) Baloo
- 75. Who is the main antagonist of "The Jungle Book"?
- (A) Bagheera
- (B) Mowgli
- (C) Shere Khan
- (D) Akela
- 76. Which character is known as the "King of the Swingers"?

(A) Bagheera

(B) Baloo (C) Kaa (D) Shere Khan 77. Who is the author of "The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn"? (A) J. K. Rowling (B) George Orwell (C) George Remi (Hergé) (D) Roald Dahl 78. What is the name of Captain Haddock's ship in the story? (A) The Black Pearl (B) The Golden Hind (C) The Unicorn (D) The Nautilus 79. In which city does much of the action take place? (A) New York City (B) London (C) Brussels (D) Paris 80. What animal does Alice encounter first when she falls down the rabbit hole?

(A) Rabbit (B) Mouse (C) Caterpillar (D) Cheshire Cat 81. Which character advises Alice to eat a piece of mushroom to alter her size? (A) The Caterpillar (B) The Duchess (C) The Mad Hatter (D) The March Hare 82. What is the main theme of Carol Swain's "Gast"? (A) The struggles of immigrant families (B) The impact of economic disparity on communities (C) The complexities of identity and belonging (D) The challenges of assimilation into American society 83. What is the central conflict faced by the Gast family in "Gast"? (A) Cultural assimilation vs. Cultural preservation (B) Economic stability vs. Personal fulfillment (C) Individual desires vs. Familial expectations

(D) Social acceptance vs. Felf-identity

84. Who is the author of the graphic novel "Corridor"?
(A) Arundhati Roy
(B) Salman Rushdie
(C) Sarnath Banerjee
(D) Vikram Seth
85. What is the occupation of Jehangir Rangoonwalla, one of the characters in "Corridor"? main
(A) Chef
(B) Taxi driver
(C) Psychologist
(D) Comic book store owner
86. Which island does Ged come from?
(A) Roke
(B) Gont
(C) Pendor MAHARAJ MILLER
(D) Havnor
87. What is the archipelago world called in "A Wizard of Earthsea"?
(A) Earthsea
(B) Middle-earth
(C) Westeros

- (D) Narnia
- 88. What is the setting of "Beloved"?
- (A) 19th century England
- (B) 20th century America
- (C) 18th century Africa
- (D) 19th century America
- 89. How does Toni Morrison employ non-linear narrative structure in "Beloved"?
- (A) By alternating between past and present events
- (B) By using multiple narrators with different perspectives
- (C) By including dream sequences and hallucinations
- (D) All of the above
- 90. What is the protagonist's name in "Midnight's Children"?

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- (A) Saleem Sinai
- (B) Shiva
- (C) Padma
- (D) Aadam Aziz
- 91. What historical event serves as the backdrop for much of "Midnight's Children"?
- (A) Partition of India
- (B) Indian Independence Movement
- (C) Bangladesh Liberation War

(D) Indo-Pakistan War of 1971 92. Which character in "Midnight's Children" represents the idea of religious syncretism? (A) Aadam Aziz (B) Shiva (C) Parvati-the-witch (D) Saleem Sinai 93. What is the name of the school Harry Potter attends? (A) St. Mungo's (B) Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry (C) Durmstrang Institute (D) Beauxbatons Academy of Magic 94. Who helps Harry, Ron, and Hermione to stop Professor Quirrell from stealing the Philosopher's Stone? SHAMU JI MAHARAJ UNIVERS (A) Professor Snape (B) Professor Dumbledore (C) Hagrid (D) Voldemort 95. What is the main profession of January Andrews, the protagonist of "Beach Read"?

(A) Lawyer

(B) Writer

(C) Teacher (D) Doctor 96. Where does the majority of the story take place in "Beach Read"? (A) New York City (B) Los Angeles (C) A small Michigan town (D) A beach resort in Hawaii 97. What is the central theme of "Sisters" by Shobha De? (A) Romance (B) Family dynamics (C) Adventure (D) Political intrigue 98. Where is the story of "Sisters" primarily set? SHAHU JI MAHARAJ UNIVERS (A) Mumbai (B) New York (C) London (D) Delhi 99. What is the profession of Priya in "Sisters"? (A) Lawyer

- (B) Doctor
- (C) Journalist
- (D) Architect
- 100. Who is the author of the book "Sita: An Illustrated Retelling of Ramayana"?
- (A) Amish Tripathi

