Random Lit 1

1. Which of these was not one of the Brontë sisters?

Emily

Anne

X Madeline

Charlotte

2. Who wrote "The Grapes of Wrath"?

F. Scott Fitzgerald

X John Steinbeck

William Faulkner

Sylvia Plath

1. Which of these four books was published first?

Sense and Sensibility

Les Misérables

Love in the Time of Cholera

X Gulliver's Travels

4. Holden Caulfield is the main character of which novel?

Slaughterhouse-Five

The Sun Also Rises

Catch-22

X The Catcher in the Rye

5. In the novel Frankenstein by Mary Shelley, what is the name of the creature?

Adam

Frankenstein

Prometheus

X it has no name

6. Which of these novels featured a controlled language called "Newspeak" that was designed to limit the populace's freedom of thought and imagination?

Brave New World

A Clockwork Orange

When the Sleeper Wakes

X Nineteen Eighty-Four

7. Which of these books was NOT written by Ernest Hemingway?

X Death Comes for the Archbishop

A Moveable Feast

The Old Man and the Sea

A Farewell to Arms

8. The movie "Apocalypse Now" is a loose adaptation of what novel?

War and Peace

The Canterbury Tales

Lord of the Flies

X Heart of Darkness

9. Which of these characters possessed a portrait that somehow let them remain unaffected by their hedonistic lifestyle?

X Dorian Gray

Baron Munchausen

Bluebeard

Stephen Dedalus

10. Which of these Jane Austen novels was published after she died?

Pride and Prejudice

Mansfield Park

X Northanger Abbey

Emma

Bengali Lit 1

1. Who won a Nobel prize for literature?

X Rabindranath Tagore

Michael Madhushudan Dutt

Kazi Nazrul Islam

All of them

2. Who wrote the first epic poem in Bangla? And what is the poem? The epic poem centers on a warrior from Hindu mythology who is comparable to Hector from Greek mythology.

Nazrul; "Mrityukhudhya"

None of them

Tagore; "Valmiki Pratibha"

X Madhushudan; "Meghnad Bodh Kavya"

3. Among Tagore, Nazrul and Madhushudan, who was born in India and died in Bangladesh?

X Kazi Nazrul Islam

Michael Madhushudan Dutt

Rabindranath Tagore

All

4. Among Tagore, Nazrul and Madhushudan, who was born in what is now Bangladesh and died in India?

Kazi Nazrul Islam

None

Rabindranath Tagore

X Michael Madhushudan Dutt

5. Who made ghazals in Bangla popular during the 20th century?

Ravi Shankar

Rabindranath Tagore

X Kazi Nazrul Islam

Michael Madhushudan Dutt

6. The multiple major winning doubles tennis player (in mens' doubles, mixed doubles) Leander Paes is a direct descendent of which great Bengali genius?

X Michael Madhushudan Dutt

Rabindranath Tagore

Kazi Nazrul islam

Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar

7. Tagore and Nazrul did it all: they wrote plays, poems, novels, songs. Which work is not correctly matched to its author?

X "Geetanjali"-Nazrul

"Bisher Bashi (The Poison Flute)"-Nazrul

"Dak Ghor (the Post Office)"-Tagore

"Tillottoma"-Madhushudan

8. Which great Bengali literature figure is known as the father of the Bengali sonnet?

Lalon Fakir

Kazi Nazrul Islam

X Michael Madhushudan Dutt

Rabindranath Tagore

9. Put the greats of Bengali literature in chronological order, from earliest to most recent.

Tagore, Nazrul, Madhushudan

X Madhushudan, Tagore, Nazrul

Nazrul, Tagore, Madhushudan

Tagore, Madhushudan, Nazrul

10. Which great Bengali literature giant wrote "Whatever great...achievements that are in this world, half were made by woman and the other half by man"?

None

Rabindranath Tagore

X Kazi Nazrul Islam

Michael Madhushudan Dutt

English Lit

1. In Charles Dickens' novel "Nicholas Nickleby", a young man finds himself the chief means of support for his mother and sister after the death of his father. Of course, there must be a villain in the story. Which character is Nicholas' main antagonist?

Sir Mulberry Hawk

X Ralph Nickleby

Newman Noggs

Arthur Gride

2. Sherlock Holmes employed a page boy to run errands for him. What was the name of this ambitious young man?

Bobby

X Billy

Eddie

Henry

3. William Wordsworth is considered one of the founders of the Romantic movement in English literature. Which other poet is regarded by literary scholars as the co-founder?

William Blake

Lord Byron

Percy Shelley

X Samuel Taylor Coleridge

4. In Chaucer's narrative "The Canterbury Tales", who is the hero in the Nun's Priest's story?

Nicholas

X Chanticleer

Theseus

Jankyn

5. Which Scottish writer penned this phrase - "Beware a tongue that's smoothly hung"?

Sir Walter Scott

X Robert Burns

William Dunbar

James Boswell

6. "I married him" is the concluding remark of what 19th Century novel?

Emma

Middlemarch

Agnes Grey

X Jane Eyre

7. Who was the first English author to win a Nobel Prize for Literature?

T.S. Eliot

X Rudyard Kipling

John Galsworthy

Bertrand Russell

8. The UK banned publication of D.H. Lawrence's novel "Lady Chatterley's Lover" for how many years?

26

X 32

18

43

9. Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (a.k.a. Lewis Carroll), was an author and mathematician. He is best known for his nonsensical stories and poems like "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "The Jabberwocky". Which of these is not one of his works?

X Snickersnack and Snickersnee

The Hunting of the Snark

Pillow Problems

What the Tortoise Said to Achilles

10. How old was Mary Shelley when she wrote her most famous novel, "Frankenstein"?

67

28

X 19

42

Random Lit 2

1. Young Celie has known nothing but misery. Violated by the man she believes to be her father, cruelly separated from her beloved sister, and forced to marry a man who abuses and mistreats her, will Celie survive and overcome her terrible circumstances? The book is "The Color Purple"; who wrote it?

Toni Morrison

X Alice Walker

Maya Angelou

Zora Neale Hurston

2. This novel stirred up quite a controversy when it was published in 1955. Humbert Humbert, a man in his late thirties, falls passionately in love with a very young girl. The book was written by Vladimir Nabokov; what's the title?

X Lolita

Pale Fire

Bend Sinister

Ada or Ardor: A Family Chronicle

3. During World War II, on the island of Pianosa, near Italy, a bombardier named Yossarian wants only to stay alive and go home. He's eligible to return home from the war, having flown the required number of missions, but he's caught up in red tape, in a bureaucratic nightmare called "Catch-22". Who wrote this novel?

Norman Mailer

X Joseph Heller

James Jones

Kurt Vonnegut

4. He created the fictional place known as Yoknapatawpha County, Mississippi, home to Compsons and Snopes and Sutpens. Several books tell their story: "Light in August", "The Sound and the Fury", "As I Lay Dying" and "Absalom, Absalom!". He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1949. Name this celebrated author.

Tennessee Williams

X William Faulkner

Erskine Caldwell

Mark Twain

5. Malcolm Lowry was the author of this highly regarded novel, the tale of a man bent on drinking himself to death. He is the ex-British Consul in Mexico; his estranged wife has just arrived there to try to salvage their marriage. The story transpires over a day in 1938 - the Day of the Dead, an important Mexican holiday. Name Malcolm Lowry's book.

The Day of the Dead

Popocatepetl

The Consul

X Under the Volcano

6. Tom Joad is just out of prison, and finds his childhood home deserted, his family planning to head west to find work. It's the time of the Great Depression in the United States, and along with many other families whose crops have been destroyed in the Dust Bowl, they make the trek from Oklahoma to California. "The Grapes of Wrath" is their story - who wrote the book?

Sinclair Lewis

X John Steinbeck

Thornton Wilder

Jack London

7. "Native Son" tells the story of Bigger Thomas, a young African-American living in desperate poverty in 1930s Chicago. He takes a job as a chauffeur with a rich family, and soon a terrible incident occurs in which a young woman is killed. This novel, published in 1940, became an immediate best-seller, and made the author world-famous. Name the man who wrote "Native Son".

Ralph Ellison

Wallace Thurman

Langston Hughes

X Richard Wright

8. In 1993, this author received the Nobel Prize for Literature for her collected works. Among the titles: "Beloved", "Song of Solomon", "The Bluest Eye", "Tar Baby". She is one of the most respected writers in the world of literature - name the author.

Maya Angelou

X Toni Morrison

Anne Tyler

Nadine Gordimer

9. This classic won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1961 and is the writer's first published novel. The tale is told from the point of view of the young daughter of Alabama lawyer Atticus Finch. Atticus agrees to defend a young black man accused of raping a white woman. This was not a popular move in the Deep South around the time of the Great Depression, when the story takes place. The book is titled "To Kill a Mockingbird". Who was the author?

Lillian Hellman

Eudora Welty

X Harper Lee

Flannery O'Connor

10. This novel tells of several days in the life of a rather confused young man who has been expelled from his boarding school, Pencey Prep, and decides to run away just before he's scheduled to go home. He spends a few eventful days in New York City, among the "phonies". The author of the novel is J.D. Salinger, and the book is "The Catcher in the Rye". What is the young man's name?

Ward Stradlater

X Holden Caulfield

Harry Potter

Robert Ackley

Bengali Lit 2

1. Which Nobel Laureate rejected a Knighthood to protest the Massacre of Jalianwalahbagh in 1919?

X Rabindranath Tagore.

Sharmila Tagore.

Rathindranath Tagore.

Ranendranath Tagore.

2. What was the name of the book which earned the prestigious Nobel for Literary Contributions in 1913?

X Geetanjali (the Song Offerings).

Rakta-Karobee (the Red Oleanders).

Kavyanjali (the Poetical Offerings).

Savyataar Sankat (Problems of Civilizations).

3. Which poet and lyricist was known as 'Chaaran-Kavi' or 'the Shepherd Poet' because of the rural setting of his songs?

X Mukunda Das.

Dinesh Das.

Qazi Nazrul Islam.

Humayun Kabeer.

4. Which poet died very young, at the age of 21, suffering from tuberculosis?

X Sukanta Bhattacharya.

Manik Bandyopadhyay.

Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Shakti Chattopadhyay.

5. Who created the famous fictitious detective Pradosh C. Mitter, popularly known as 'Feluda'?

Shibram Chakroborty

Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay

X Satyajit Ray

Sukumar Roy

6. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's comical play on mistaken identity, 'Bhranti-Vilaas' was inspired by which famous English comedy?

Pygmalion

All's Well That Ends Well

X Comedy of Errors

Cymbeline

7. Now we come to the sensitive world of women writers. Which of these writer's works were banned in her home-country because they consisted of social and religious issues concerning women's liberation, which the Islamic leaders found 'blasphemous' and 'dishonoring Islam'?

Mahasweta Devi.

Leela Mazumder.

Begum Rokeya Sakhawat.

X Taslima Nasreen.

8. Which Bengali spiritualist's book 'Savitri', was nominated for a Literature Nobel in 1950? He could not receive it because he passed away that very year.

X Shri Aurobindo.

Subhash Mukhopadhyay.

Rabindranath Tagore.

Ashapurna Devi.

9. The debut film of noted film-maker Satyajit Ray is 'Pather Panchali' (the Song of the Road). Who is the original author of the novel upon which the film is based?

Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay.

Satyajit Ray himself.

Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay.

X Bibhuti Bhushan Bandyopadhyay.

10. Rabindranath Tagore is the composer of the National Anthems of two Asian countries. Which two countries are they?

Nepal and Bhutan

X India and Bangladesh

Bhutan and India

Sri Lanka and Pakistan