



BCS Preliminary

Lecture

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English
Literature

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Important Characters

Authors	Literary works	Important Characters
William Shakespeare		Cordelia, The Fool.
		Ophelia; Claudius; Gertrude
		Desdemona, Iago.
		Duncan; Three Witches.
		Prospero; Miranda; Ferdinand; Caliban; Ariel, Sycorax.
		Rosalind, Orlando, Jacques.
John Milton		Adam; Eve; Satan; Raphael;
Charlotte Bronte		Jane Eyre.
Homer		Achills; Hector; Helen, Paris; Priam; Menelaus.
Christopher Marlowe		Mephistopheles; Good Angel; Bad Angel.
Ben Jonson		Volpone; Mosca; Celia;
Congreve		Mirabell; Fainall;
Daniel Defoe		Robinson Crusoe; Friday.
D.H. Lawrence		Paul Morel; Gertrude Morel; William Morel; Arthar Morel; Walter Morel
George Bernard Shaw		John Tanner;
Ernest Hemingway		Frederic Henry; Catherine Barkley;
Emily Bronte		Catherine Earnshaw; Heathcliff
Sophocles		Oedipus; Jocasta; Teiresias.
S.T. Coleridge		The Mariner; Albatross. (Life-in-Death)
E.M. Forster		Dr. Aziz;
Joseph Conrad		Marlow; Kurtz.
J. M Synge		Maria; Bartley; Cathleen; Nora



Authors	Literary works	Important Characters
Arthur Miller		Willy Loman; Biff Loman; Linda Loman; Happy Loman, Charley.
Leo Tolstoy		Anna Karenina.
Charles Dickens		Oliver Twist.
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Some more Important Characters

Character's name	Poet/writer	Book	Type
Adam	J. Milton		
Ariel	W. Shakespeare		
Ancient Mariner	S.T. Coleridge		
Anna Karenina	Leo Tolstoy		
Brutus	W. Shakespeare		
Christian	John Bunyan		
Don Juan	Byron		
Dr. Faustus	Marlowe		
Dr. Watson	Conan Doyle		
Hamlet	W. Shakespeare		
Hawkins	Stevenson		
Hector	Homer		
Iago	W. Shakespeare		
Ivanhoe	Walter Scott		
Jacques	W. Shakespeare		
Kim	Kipling		
Macbeth	W. Shakespeare		
Mephistopheles	Marlowe		
Miranda	W. Shakespeare		
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens		
Pip	Dickens		
Sherlock Holmes	Conan Doyle		
Shylock	W. Shakespeare		

01. Who is the most famous satirist in English literature? (১২ তমবিসিএস)

- a) Alexander pope b) Jonathan Swift
c) William Wordsworth d) Butler

02. Who is English Epic poet

(সহকারী আবহাওয়াবিদ, ১৯৯৫: সাব-রেজিষ্ট্রার, ১৯৯২)

- a) John Keats b) John Milton
c) William Wordsworth d) Lord Tennyson

03. Who was the famous mock-heroic poet in English literature

(সাব-রেজিষ্ট্রার, ১৯৯২)

- a) Lord Byron b) John Milton
c) Alexander Pope d) Lord Tennyson

04. Who is considered to be Rebel Poet in English Literature?

(রেলওয়ে সহকারি ২০০০)

- a) Walter Scot b) Lord Byron
c) John Keats d) John Austin

05. Who is the greatest modern English dramatist?

(১২ তমবিসিএস)

- a) Virginia Wolf b) George Bernard Shaw
c) P.B Shelley d) S.T.C Coleridge

The Father of.....

Title	Name
1. The father of modern English criticism	
2. Father of English Novel	
3. Father of English prose	
4. Father of English Language:	
5. Father of English Literature:	
6. Father of English Poetry:	
7. Father of English Dramatic Poetry/ Blank Verse:	
8) Father of English Tragedy:	
9) Father of English Comedy:	
10) Father of English Essay:	
11) Father of English Fairy Tale:	
12) Father of English Sonnet:	
13) Father of English One Act Play:	
14) Father of English Romanticism:	
15) Father of English Grammar:	
16) Father of English Mystery Plays:	
17) Father of English Short Story:	
18) Father of English Dictionary:	
19) Father of Modern English Literature:	

Some Important Notes

Title	Name
1. Lady of the lamp.....	
2. The Bard of Avon	
3. A Romantic Puzzle or Paradox	
4. Rebel poet of English Literature	
5. Revolutionary Romantic poet	
6. The most musical romantic poet	
7. Greatest Modern Dramatist	
8. The founder of English prose	
9. Greatest Epic poet of English literature	
10. Greatest modern American short story writer	
11. Most Famous satirist	
12. Novelist and literary critic	
13. The voice of Victorian Era	
14. The American nation poet-	
15. The famous mock heroic poet English literature	

01. Father of English poetry is- (প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়ে ব্যক্তিগত অফিসার-২০০৪: ডাক ও টেলিফোন বোর্ডের সহকারী পরিচালক-২০০৪: পাবলিক সার্ভিস কমিশন-১৯৯৮; সড়ক ও জনপথ এবং গণপূর্ত-২০০১)

- a) John Keats b) Shakespeare
c) Geoffrey Chaucer d) William Wordsworth

02. Who is considered to be the father of English poem (সড়ক ও জনপথ এবং গণপূর্ত-২০০৫)

- a) William Wordsworth b) Thomas More
c) Francis Bacon d) Geoffrey Chaucer

03. Who is the father of modern English poetry?

(ডাক ও টেলিযোগাযোগ-২০০৪)

- a) Keats b) Geoffrey Chaucer
c) Robert Browning d) None of the above

04. Who is considered to be the father of English novel? (রেলওয়ে সহকারী কমান্ডেন্ট-২০০০)

- a) France is Bacon b) Geoffrey Chaucer
c) King Alfred the Great d) Henry Fielding

05. Who is considered to be the father of English prose (রেলওয়ে সহকারী কমান্ডেন্ট-২০০৪)

- a) France Bacon b) King Alfred the Great
c) Henry Fielding d) Geoffrey Chaucer

The poet of.....

Title	Name
1. Poet of nature	
2. Poet of beauty	
3. Poet of sensuousness	
4. Poet of Supernaturalism	
5. Poet of love	
6. Poet of poets	
7. The poet of hope and Regeneration	
8. The Poet of Revolutionary	
9. The Rebel Poet	

01. Who is called the poet of poets? (মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয় সহকারী শিক্ষক-২০০৬)

- a) Geoffrey Chaucer b) Edmund Spenser
c) Thomas Kyd d) William Shakespeare

02. Who is called the Poet of Nature in English literature? (প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়-২০০৪)

- a) Lord Byron b) John Keats
c) William Wordsworth d) P.B. Shelley

03. Who is called the poet of beauty in English literature? (সহকারী শ্রম ও পরিচালক-২০০৩: সাব-রেজিস্টার-৯২)

- a) P.B Shelley b) Lord Byron
c) William Wordsworth d) John Keats

Poet and Painter

Title	Name
01. Poet and painter of the pre-Romantic Age :	William Blake [43 th BCS]
02. Poet and painter of the Victorian Age:	Dante Gabriel Rossetti

01. Who the following was both a poet and painter?

(১৫তম বিসিএস; সহকারী পরিসংখ্যানবিদ-১৯৯৮)

- a) Keats b) Donne
c) Blake d) Spenser

By profession

Title	Name
01. Poet who was a clergyman by profession	
02. Poet who was a surgeon or Doctor by profession	
03. A police officer in Burma of the Indian sub-continent..	

Real name

Title	Name
01. The real name of George Eliot	
02. The real name of George Orwell	
03. The real name of O Henry	
04. S. T Coleridge	
05. T.S Eliot	
6. Lord Byron	

01. What was the real name of the great American Short story writer, O' Henry? (১৩তম বিসিএস)

- a) a poem by Wordsworth
b) William Sydney Porter
c) Fits-James O' Brian
d) William Huntington Wright

02. What was the real name of George Eliot?

(উপজেলা পরিবার পরিকল্পনা অফিসার-১৯৯৮)

- a) T. S Eliot b) Jane Austen
c) Mary Anne EvA: d) William Hazlitt

03. In T.S Eliot, What do T,S stand for?

(প্রাথমিক প্রধান শিক্ষক-২০০৩)

- a) Thomas Stearns b) Thomson Samson
c) Thomas Stewart d) Thomas Stephen

Death.....

Title	Name
01. Poet who died of tuberculosis	
02. Poet who was drowned in sea...	

01. কোন ইংরেজি কবি যক্ষ্মারোগে মৃত্যুবরণ করেন?

(সহকারী পরিচালক মাদকদ্রব্য নিয়ন্ত্রণ অধিদপ্তর-১৯৯৯)

- a) P. B Shelly b) Robert Burns
c) S.T Coleridge d) John Keats

Nobel Prize.....

Title	Name
01. Award Nobel Prize in Literature was started from the year	
02. Philosopher, Mathematician & Essayist awarded Nobel Prize for Literature	
03. States man who was awarded Nobel prize for Literature	
04. Dramatist and Novelist who awarded Nobel Prize in Literature	
05. Poet and Senator and awarded Nobel Prize for Literature	
06. Greatest Modern Dramatist awarded Nobel Prize	
07. The Nobel Laureates to refuse the Nobel Prize in literature.	

01. Who is the modern philosopher who was awarded Nobel Prize for literature? (১২ তমবিসিএস)

- a) Stalin b) Nixon
c) Churchill d) Roosevelt

02. Who was a statesman but awarded Nobel Prize in English Literature? (আবহাওয়া অধিদপ্তর-২০০৮; (সহকারী পরিচালক(পাসপোর্ট এন্ড ইমিগ্রেশন)-২০০৩)

- a) Stalin b) Nixon
c) Churchill d) Roosevelt

03. In which year Winston Churchill get the Nobel prize in literature? (জেলা দুর্নীতি দমন অফিসার-১৯৯৪)

- a) 1943 b) 1945
c) 1984 d) 1953

04. Who was awarded Nobel Prize for the poem The waste Land? (সাব-রেজিস্টার নির্বাচনী পরিক্ষা-১৯৯২)

- a) D. H. Lawrence b) Lord Tennyson
c) T. S. Eliot d) William Wordsworth

05. Who was the only Nobel Laureate to refuse the Nobel Prize?

(প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা-২০০৪)

- a) Jea-Paul Sartre b) Rabindranath Tagore
c) Leo Tolstoy d) T.S Eliot

06. A Russian Author who refused Nobel Prize?

(কারা তত্ত্বাবধায়ক-২০১০)

- a) Maxim Gorky b) Ruskin
c) Alexander Solzhenitsin d) Boris Pasternak

First.....

Title	Name
01. Compiler of First English Dictionary.	
02. First Translator of the Bible in English	
03. First Ph. D holder of Bangali Muslim in English Literature	
04. The First modern novel in English (1740)	
06. The first English comedy	
07. The first English Tragedy	

01. The first English dictionary was complied by-

(১৫ তমবিসিএস)

- a) Isaac Walton b) Samuel Johnson
c) Samuel Butler d) Sir Thomas Browne

Some other important information....

Title	Name
01. Poet who was expelled from Oxford University	
02. Poet who helped Robindranath to translate his Gitanjali in English-	
03. Who introduced blank verse into English poetry..	

Quotations**William Shakespeare**

- Cowards die many times before their deaths
- To be, or not to be that is the questions [35th BCS]
- Brevity is the soul of wit
- Blow, blow, thou winter wind
As man's ingratitude;
Thy tooth is not so keen
Because thou art not seen
Although thy breath be rude.

Shakespeare on Jealousy

- You must not stay here longer, your dismissal Is come from Caesar; therefore hear it, Antony. Where's Fulvia's process? Caesar's I would say? both? Call in the messengers. As I am Egypt's queen,
- Though age from folly could not give me freedom, It does from childishness: can Fulvia die? [35th BCS]
- Frailty! Thy name is woman.....
- For that I do suspect the lusty Moor Hath leap'd into my seat; the thought whereof Doth, like a poisonous mineral, grew my inwards; And nothing can or shall content my soul Till I am even'd with him, wife for wife.



8. Or failing so, yet that I put the Moor At least into a jealousy so strong that judgment cannot cure.
9. As, I confess, it is my nature's plague To spy into abuses, and oft my jealousy Shapes faults that are not.
10. O, beware, my lord, of jealousy; It is the green-eyed monster which doth mock. The meat it feeds on; that cuckold lives in bliss Who, certain of his fate, loves not his wronger.

Shakespeare Quotations on Anger

1. Come not between the dragon and his wrath.
2. Let grief Convert to anger; blunt not the heart, enrage it.
3. I understand a fury in your words But not the world.
4. Thou hadst been better have been born a dog Than answer my waked wrath!
5. Never till this day Saw I him touch'd with anger so distemper'd.

Shakespeare Quotations on Envy

1. Thou dost love her, because thou knowst I love her.
2. Thou liest, malignant thing! Hast thou forgot The foul witch Sycorax, who with age and envy Was grown into a hoop? hast thou forgot her?
3. This was the noblest Roman of them all: All the conspirators save only he Did that they did in envy of great Caesar; He only, in a general honest thought And common good to all, made one of them.

Shakespeare Quotations on Revenge

1. The croaking raven doth bellow for revenge.
2. Up, sword; and know thou a more horrid hent: When he is drunk asleep, or in his rage, Or in the incestuous pleasure of his bed; At game, a-swearing, or about some act That has no relish of salvation in't; Then trip him, that his heels may kick at heaven, And that his soul may be as damn'd and black As hell, where to it goes. My mother stays:
3. How all occasions do inform against me, And spur my dull revenge!
4. O, from this time forth, My thoughts be bloody, or be nothing worth!
5. Revenge should have no bounds.
6. When we are born, we cry that we are come To this great stage of fools: this a good block; It were a delicate stratagem, to shoe A troop of horse with felt: I'll put 't in proof; And when I have stol'n upon these sons-in-law, Then, kill, kill, kill, kill, kill, kill!

7. I will have such revenges on you both, That all the world shall--I will do such things,-- What they are, yet I know not: but they shall be The terrors of the earth.
8. Caesar's spirit, ranging for revenge, With Ate by his side come hot from hell, Shall in these confines with a monarch's voice Cry 'Havoc,' and let slip the dogs of war.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge, 1772-1834

1. Alone, alone, all, all alone
Alone on a wide wide sea! [38th BCS]
And never saint took pity on
My soul in agony.
2. O lady! We receive but what we give,
And in our life alone does nature live.
3. Water, water, everywhere,
And all the boards did shrink;
Water, water, everywhere,
Nor any drop to drink.
4. He prayth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small.
5. "Advice is like snow - the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind."
6. "Poetry: the best words in the best order."
7. "Love is flower like; Friendship is like a sheltering tree."
8. "Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom."
9. "A mother is a mother still, The holiest thing alive."
10. "The most happy marriage I can picture or imagine to myself would be the union of a deaf man to a blind woman."
11. "That willing suspension of disbelief for the moment, which constitutes poetic faith."

William Wordsworth

1. Ten thousands saw at a glance
Tossing their
Heads in sprightly dance
I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills
When all at once I saw a crowd
A host, of golden daffodils
2. Behold her, Single in the field,
You solitary Highland lass
Reaping and singing by herself
Stop here or gently pass
3. The child is father of the Man
4. "Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquility."
5. "The flower that smells the sweetest is shy and lowly."
6. "To begin, begin."
7. "Fill your paper with the breathings of your heart."

8. "The child is father of the man."
9. "I listened, motionless and still; And, as I mounted up the hill, The music in my heart I bore, Long after it was heard no more."
10. "Nature never did betray the heart that loved her."

Percy Bysshe Shelley

1. I am the daughter of Earth and water. And the nursling of the Sky;
2. Wild spirit, which art moving everywhere; Destroyer and preserver; hear, oh, hear!
3. Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud! I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed!
4. We look before and after And pine for what is not; Our sincerest laughter with some pain is fraught; Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thoughts.
5. Poets are the unacknowledged legislature of the world.
6. "There is a harmony in autumn, and a luster in its sky, which through the summer is not heard or seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been!"
7. "A poet is a nightingale, who sits in darkness and sings to cheer its own solitude with sweet sounds."
8. "We look before and after; And pine for what is not; Our sincerest laughter with some pain is fraught; Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought."
9. "Soul meets soul on lovers' lips."
10. "Our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thought."
11. "Poetry is a mirror which makes beautiful that is distorted."
12. "The more we study, the more we discover our ignorance."
13. "Change is certain. Peace is followed by disturbances: departure of evil men by their return. Such recurrences should not constitute occasions for sadness but realities for awareness, so that one may be happy in the interim."
14. "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"
15. "Fear not for the future, weep not for the past."
16. "Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world."
17. "War is the statesman's game, the priest's delight, the lawyer's jest, the hired assassin's trade."

John Keats

1. "A thing of beauty is a joy forever: its loveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness."
2. "My imagination is a monastery and I am its monk."
3. " 'Beauty is truth, truth beauty,' - that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know."
4. "Love is my religion- I could die for it."
5. "Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard are sweeter."
6. "What the imagination seizes as beauty must be truth."
7. "I have two luxuries to brood over in my walks, your loveliness and the hour of my death. O that I could have possession of them both in the same minute."

8. "You speak of Lord Byron and me; there is this great difference between us. He describes what he sees I describe what I imagine. Mine is the hardest task."

Lord Byron:

1. "Friendship may, and often does, grow into love, but love never subsides into friendship."
2. "Love will find a way through paths where wolves fear to prey."
3. "Roll on, deep and dark blue ocean, roll. Ten thousand fleets sweep over thee in vain. Man marks the earth with ruin, but his control stops with the shore."
4. "Truth is always strange, stranger than fiction."
5. "I slept and dreamt that life was beauty; I woke and found that life was duty."
6. "Adversity is the first path to truth."
7. "If I don't write to empty my mind, I go mad."

William Blake, 1757-1827

To Mercy Pity Peace and Loves. All pray in their distress.

Francis Bacon, 1561-1626

1. A crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures and talk but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love.
2. Wives are young men's mistresses, companions for middle age, and old men's nurses.
3. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested;
4. Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.
5. Histories make men wise; poets, witty; the mathematics, subtle; natural philosophy, deep; moral, grave; logic and rhetoric, able to contend.
6. A mixture of lie doth ever add pleasure.
7. Opportunity makes a thief.
8. A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds
9. Hope is a good breakfast, but it is a bad supper
10. If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts he shall end in certainties
11. I 'Praise from the common people is generally false, and rather follows the vain than the virtuous,

John Donne, 1572-1631

1. For God's sake hold your tongue, and let me love.
[42th BCS]
2. Love, all alike, no season knows, nor clime, Nor hours, days, months, which are the rags of time.
3. This bed thy centre is, these walls thy sphere.



John Milton, 1608-74

1. Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue, freely according to conscience, above all liberties,
2. Better to reign in hell, than serve in heaven [43th BCS]
3.The childhood shows the man,
As morning shows the day
4. Just are the ways of God
And Justifiable to men:
Unless there be who think not God at all
5. A good book is the previous life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life.
6. Books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them to be as active as that should was whose progeny they are: nay they do preserve as in vial the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them.
7. As good almost kill a man as kill a good book; who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys good book, kills reason itself. Kills the image of God, as it were in the eye.

Robert Browning, 1812-89

1. So absolutely good is truth, truth never hurts the teller.
2. Ignorance is not innocence but sin.
3. Oppression makes the wise man mad.

Robert Frost, 1874-1963

1. The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep.
And Miles to go before I sleep.
2. Good fences make good neighbors.

Neil Armstrong, 1930-

That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind
In New York Times 21 July 1969

Matthew Arnold, 1822-88

1. Eternal Passion! Eternal Pain!
2. Truth sits upon the lips of dying men,

Edmund Burke, 1729-97

1. A perfect democracy is therefore the most shameless thing in the world.
2. The greater the power, the more dangerous the abuse.
3. The people are the masters.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, 1712-72

Man was born free, but everywhere he is in chains.

Gladstone 1809-98

"Justice delayed is justice denied"

Napoleon I 1769-1821

1. The career open to the talents.

2. England is a nation of shopkeepers.
3. Give me good mothers, I will give you a good nation

Thomas Kempis, a.d. 1380-1471

1. Man proposes, but God disposes.

Aristotle 384-322 BC

1. We make war that we may live in peace.
2. Probable impossibilities are to be preferred to improbable possibilities.
3. Man is by nature a political animal. [36th BCS]
4. He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must be either a beast or a god.
5. A flatterer is a friend who is your inferior, or pretends to be so.
6. A friend is a second self.
7. It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.
8. All human action have one or more of these seven cause: chance, nature, compulsion, habit, reason, passion, and desire.
9. Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime.

Socrates 469-399 BC

1. I know nothing except the fact of my ignorance
2. The unexamined life is not worth living.
3. It is never right to do wrong or to requite wrong with wrong, or when we suffer evil to defend

Plato 429-347 BC

1. Know thyself.
2. If women are expected to do the same work as men, we must teach them the same things.
3. Ignorance, the root and the stem of every evil.
4. Never discourage anyone...who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.
5. Thinking is the talking of the soul with itself.
6. We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.
7. Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.
8. You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.
9. False words are not only evil in themselves, but they infect the soul with evil
10. Mankind censure injustice fearing that they may be the victims of is, and not because they shrink from committing it.
11. Before God we are all equally wise and equally foolish.
12. The beginning is the most important part of the work.



13. Wealth is the parent of luxury and indolence, and poverty of meanness and viciousness, and both of discontent.

Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

- There is passion for hunting something deeply implanted in the human breast.
- It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; It is a far, it is a far, far better res that I go to, than I have ever known,
- It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

Christopher Marlowe, 1564-93

- * Come live with me, and be my love.
And we will all the pleasures prove.
That valleys, groves, hills and fields.
Woods or steeply mountain yields.

Alexander Pope, 1688-1744

- * To err is human;
To forgive is divine.
* Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

Class Work

- "Better to reign in Hell, than serve in Heav'n."— Who wrote this?** [43rd BCS]
a. Geoffrey Chaucer b. Christopher Marlowe
c. John Milton d. P. B. Shelley
- "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" These lines were written by—** [43th BCS]
a. Keats b. Frost
c. Eliot d. Shelley
- The most famous romantic poet of English literature is—** [43rd BCS]
a. John Dryden b. Alexander Pope
c. William Wordsworth d. T. S. Eliot
- Words inscribed on a tomb is an—** [43rd BCS]
a. epitome b. epithet
c. episode d. epitaph
- 'Why, then, 'tis none to you, for there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.' This extract is taken from the drama—** [41th BCS]
a. King Lear b. Macbeth
c. As You Like It d. Hamlet
- 'Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield' is taken from the poem written by—**
a. Robert Browning b. Mathew Arnold
c. Alfred Tennyson d. Lord Byron
- 'Time held me green and dying Though I sang in my chains like the sea.' These lines have been quoted from Dylan Thomas' poem—**
a. The Flower b. Fern Hill
c. By Fire d. After the Funeral
- 'Was this the face that launch'd a thousand ships, and burnt the topless towers of Ilium?' Who speaks the famous lines?**
a. Caesar b. Antony
c. Faustus d. Romeo
- The Character 'Alfred Doolittle' is taken from Shaw's play titled—**
a. Pygmalion
b. Man and Superman
c. The Doctor's Dilemma
d. Mrs. Warren's Profession
- "To be or not to be, that is the—"** [29th/35th BCS]
a. meaning b. question
c. answer d. wish
- "I have a —That one day this nation will live out the true meaning of its creed that all men are created equal"** [29th BCS]
a. desire b. hope
c. dream d. wish
- "Into the—of death rode the six hundred".** [29th BCS]
a. city b. tunnel
c. road d. valley
- Who wrote 'Beauty is truth, truth is beauty?'** [15th BCS]
a. Shakespeare b. Wordsworth
c. Keats d. Eliot
- "Justice delayed is justice denied" was stated by—** [15th BCS]
a. Shakespeare b. Emerson
c. Glodstone d. Disraeli
- 'Our sweetest Songs are those that tell of saddest thoughts'-Who is the poet?**
a. Kipling b. Wordsworth
c. Shelley d. Byron
- "He prayth best, who loveth best both man and bird and beast'-Who told it?**
a. Coleridge b. Bernard Shaw
c. Morley d. Julius Caesar
- 'Cowards die Many times before their death'. The quotation is from—**
a. Julius Caesar b. Hamlet
c. Macbeth d. Bacon

18. 'Reading make a full man, conference a ready man, witting an exact man'-Who told it?
a. Chapman b. Frost
c. Hamlet d. Bacon
19. 'Poets are unacknowledged legislator of the world'—Who told it?
a. Browning b. Shelley
c. Tennyson d. Byron
20. "Behold her, single in the field, You solitary Highland Lass! Reaping and singing by herself; Stop here or gently pass!"-These are a few lines of a poem of a great poet. Who is the poet?
a. P.B. Shelley b. W. Wordsworth
c. Sir W. Scott d. J. Keats
21. If winter comes can spring be far behind? is a quotation from P.B Shelly's-
a. The cloud b. Adonis
c. Ode to the West Wind d. To ASkylark
22. "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in our Philosophy". উক্তিটি Shakespeare এর কোন নাটক থেকে উদ্ধৃত হয়েছে?
a. Hamlet b. King Lear
c. Macbeth d. Othello
23. 'Give me good mothers, I will give you a good nation' was the observation of-
a. Hitler b. Lincoln
c. Napoleon d. Sheikh Mujib
24. 'To err is human, to forgive is divine.' কথাটি কার?
a. J. Dryden b. A Tennyson
c. Alexander Pope d. W. Blake
25. 'But I have promises to keep/ And miles to go before I sleep' was written by-
a. T.S. Eliot b. W.B. Yeats
c. Robert Frost d. Ted Hughes
26. 'Some books are to be tasted others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested' said-
a. Joseph Addison b. Dr. Johanson
c. Charles Lamb d. Francis Bacon
27. O' The thousand saw at a glance. /Tossing their heads in sprightly dance. What is the poet William Wordsworth referring to?
a. birds b. daffodils
c. leaves d. bees
28. Which ode begins with the lines?- 'My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains. My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk'.
a. Ode on the spring b. Ode to duty
c. Ode to a Nightingale d. Ode to the west wind
29. 'Come live with me and be my love, And we will all the pleasures prove, That hills and valleys, dale and fields, And all the craggy mountains yield)' There are a few lines of a poem of a great poet. Who is the poet?
a. J. K Webstar b. C Marlow
c. W. Shakespeare d. Lord Bacon
30. 'Good face is the best letter of recommendation' was stated by-
a. Queen Victoria b. Queen Elizabeth
c. Queen Anne d. Queen Mary
31. 'Man is born free and everywhere he is in chains'- who says?
a. Victor Hugo b. Bertrand Russell
c. Rousseau, Jean Jacques d. Voltaire
32. 'Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud; I fall upon the thorns of life! I bleed' This quotation is from P B Shelly's-
a. The Cloud b. To a Skylark
c. Ode to the West Wind d. To Skylark
33. 'We look before and after and pine for what is not'-a quotation from P.B Shelly's-
a. The Cloud b. Adonis
c. Ode to the West Wing d. To A Skylark
34. 'England expects every man to do his duty.'-Who told it?
a. Nelson b. Churchill
c. Wilson d. Thatcher
35. 'To be or not be' is the beginning of a famous soliloquy from-
a. Paradise Lost b. Romeo and Juliet
c. Hamlet d. Sahanma
36. "Blow, blow thou winter wind / thou art not so unkind although thy breath be rude."-These are a few lines of a poem of a great poet. Who is the poet?
a. J. Webster b. C Marlowe
c. W. Shakespeare d. Lord Bacon
37. Who is considered to be Rebel Poet in English Literature?
a) Walter Scot b) Lord Byron
c) John Keats d) John Austin
38. Who wrote, 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever'?
a. William Shakespeare b. John Keats
c. Wordsworth d. John Milton
39. Who is considered to be the father of English novel?
a) France is Bacon b) Geoffrey Chaucer
c) King Alfred the Great d) Henry Fielding
40. A Russian Author who refused Nobel Prize?
a) Maxim Gorky b) Ruskin
c) Alexander Solzhenitsin d) Boris Pasternak

For Home Study

Some Other Important Writer's Important Books

No.	Writers	Books
1	Nicholas Udall	Ralph Roister Doister
2	Ben Jonson	Volpone
3	Sir Philip Sidney	Apolgy for Poetry
4	John Webster	The Dutches of Malfi.
5	William Congreve	The Way of The World
6	Samuel Richardson	Pamela
7	Oliver Goldsmith	The Vicar of The Wakefield (Novel)
8	Samuel Johnson	English Dictionary.
9	George Orwell	Animal Farm/Politics and The English Language.
10	Sir Walter Scott	Ivanhoe
11	Edmund Burke	Reconciliation with America
12	Jane Austen	Pride and Prejudice
13	John Millington Synge	Rider's to The Sea.
14	Count Leo Tolstoy	War and Peace/Anna karenina.
15	Arundhati Roy	The God of Small Things
16	Monica Ali	Brick Lane.
17	John Osborne	Look Back in Anger
18	Fyodor Michaelvic Dostoevsky	Crime and Punishment/The Idiot.
19	Sir Thomas More	Utopia.

20	Rudyard Kipling	The Jungle Book.
21	Thomas Sackville	Gorboduc.
22	William Gerald Golding	Lord of The Flies.
23	Thomas Gray	An Elegy A Country Churchyard.
24	Charles Lamb	The Adventures of Ulysses/ Tales From Shakespeare.
25	William Hazlitt	The Spirit of The Age.
26	D.G. Rossetti	Hand and Soul.
27	Thomas Hobbes	Laviathan.
28	Aldous Huxley	Heaven and Hell
29	Allen Ginsberg	America/Mind Breaths/ september on Jessore Road. [42 th BCS]
30	Anita Desai	The Village By The Sea.
31	Tahmima Anam	The Good Muslim.
32	Charles Robert Darwin	The Origin of Species
33	Orhan Pamuk	The Black Book/My Name is Red/Istanbul.
34	Gunter Grass	From The Diary of A Snail/The Founder
35	Boris Pastornak	Dr. Zivago. [42 th BCS]

Try Yourself

- Who wrote 'Dr. Zivago'? [42th BCS]
 - Maxim Gorky
 - Boris Pastornak
 - Fyodor Dostoevsky
 - Leo Tolstoy

A: b
- 'September on Jessore Road' is written by: [42th BCS]
 - Madhusudan Dutt
 - Allen Ginsberg
 - Kaiser Huq
 - Vikram Shth

A: b
- 'Politics and The English Language' is written by-
 - George Orwell
 - William Congreve
 - Fyodor Dostoevsky
 - Allen Ginsberg

A: a
- William Congreve is the author of which of the following books?
 - Animal Farm
 - The Way of The World
 - Dr. Zivago
 - Politics and The English Language

A: b

Other Important Authors and their Works (For Home Study)

Works	Authors	Type
A Brief History of Time	Stephen W. Hawking	History
A Doll's House	Henrik Ibsen	Social Drama
A Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway	Novel
A Haunted House	Virginia Woolf	Novel
A Ideal Husband	Oscar Wilde	Novel
A Kiss for Cinderella	J.M. Barrie	Play
A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare	Comedy
A Passage to England	Nirad C. Dhowdhury	Novel
A Passage to India [36 th , [42 th BCS]	E.M. Forster	Novel
A Tale of Tub	Jonathan Swift	A Satire on Extremist
A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens	Novel
A Woman of No Importance	Oscar Wilde	Novel
Adam Bede	George Eliot	Novel
Adonais	P.B. Shelley	Poem
Adventure of Sherlok Holmes	Arther Conan Doyle	Thrill Story
Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	Travelogue
Aeneid	virgil	Epic Poem
Ain-I-Akbari	Abdul Fazal	Law Book
Akbar Nama	Abul Fazal	Biography
All's Well that Ends Well	Shakespeare	Comedy
Ancient Mariner	S.T. Coleridge	Poem
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Novel
Anna Karenina	Leo Tolstoy	Novel
Anotony and cleopatra	Shakespeare	Comedy
Arabian Nights	Sir Richard Burton	Fairy Tales
Arms and the Man [36 th BCS]	G.B. Shaw	Play
Around the World in Eight Days	Jules Verne	Novel
Asian Drama	Gunnar Myrdal	Play
Battle of the Books	Jonathan Swift	Satire
Biographia Literaria	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	Literary Criticism
Break, Break, Break	Tennyson	Lyrical Poem
Canterbury Tale	Geoffrey Chaucer	Collection of Tales
Cesar and Cleopatra	G.B. Shaw	Play
Child Harold's Pilgrimage	Lord Byron	Religious Poem
Comedy of Errors	W. Shakespeare	Comedy
Crime and Punishment	Dostoevsky	Novel
Das Capital	Karl Marx	Theory
David Copperfield [36 th BCS]	Charles Dickens	Novel
Divine Comedy	Dante	Poetical Work
Doctor's Dilemma	G.B. Shaw	Play
Don Juan	Lord Byron	Epic Satire
Emma	Jane Austen	Novel
Essay of Man	Alexander Pope	Poem
The Faerie Queene	Edmund Spenser	Allegorical Poem

Works	Authors	Type
Far From Madding Crowd	Thomas Hardy	Novel
For Whom the Bell Tolls	Ernest Hemingway	Novel
French Revolution	Thomas Carlyle	Historical Work
God of Small Things	Arundhati Roy	Novel
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	Novel
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	Novel
Hamlet	W. Shakespeare	Tragedy
Hard Times	Charles Dickens	Novel
Idylls of the King	Tennyson	Verse
Illiad	Homer	Epic
Importance of Being Earnest	Oscar Wilde	Comedy
In Memoriam	Tennyson	Verse
India Wins Freedom	Abul Kalam Azad	Autobiography
India Divided	Rajendra Prasad	Autobiography
Invisible Man	H.G. Wells	Novel
Isabella	John Keats	Long Verse
Ivanhoe	Walter Scott	Novel
Julius Caesar	William Shakespeare	Tragedy
Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling	Fairy Tale
King Lear	William Shakespeare	Tragedy
Kubla Khan	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	Poem
La Divine Comedia	A. Dante	Verse
Lady Chatterly's Lover	D.H. Lawrence	Novel
Lady of the Lake	Sir Walter Scott	Novel
Love's Labour's Lost	Shakespeare	Comedy
Lycidas	John Milton	Elegy
Man and Superman	G.B. Shaw	Comedy
Marriage and Morals	Bertrand Russell	Essay
Measure for Measure [36 th BCS]	Shakespeare	Comedy
Merchant of Venice [36 th BCS]	Shakespeare	Comedy
Middlemarch	George Eliot	Novel
Mill on the Floss	George Eliot	Novel
Murder in Cathedral	T.S. Eliot	Play
New Arabian nights	R.L. Stevenson	Short Story
Ode to the West Wind	P.B. Shelley	Poem
Odyssey	Homer	Epic
Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	Novel
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens	Novel
One World and India	Arnold Toynbee	Historical Work
Origin of Species	Charles Darwin	Scientific Writing
Othello [35 th BCS]	W. Shakespeare	Tragedy
Paradise Regained	John Milton	Epic
Pilgrim's Progress	John Bunyan	Allegorical Novel
Plays Pleasant and Plays Unpleasant	G.B. Shaw	Collection of Plays
Prelude	Wordsworth	Verse
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	Novel

Works	Authors	Type
Prince	Machiavelli	Political treatise
Professor Shirly	Charles Dickens	Novel
Rape of the Lock	Alexander Pope	Mock Epic
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe	Novel
Romeo Juliet	Shakespeare	Tragedy
Satanic Verses	Salman Rushdie	Fictitious Story
Scholar Gipsy	Mathew Arnold	Poem
Sense and Sensibility	Jane Austen	Novel
Silent Woman	Ben Jonson	Drama
Sohrab And Rustom	Mathew Arnold	Poem
Sons and Lovers	D.H. Lawrence	Novel
Sound and the Fury	William Faulkner	Novel
St. Joan	G.B. Shaw	Play
Tempest	Shakespeare	Comedy
Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	Novel
The Alchemist	Ben Jonson	Play
The Return of the native [36 th BCS]	Thomas Hardy	Novel
The Virginians	William M. Thackeray	Essay
Three Musketeerd	Alexander Dumas	Novel
Time Machine	H.G. Wells	Science Fiction
To a Skylark	P.B. Shelley	Verse
Tom Jones	Henry Fielding	Novel
Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	Novel
Top Secret	Henry Fielding	Novel
Travel With a Donkey	R.L. Stevenson	Travelogue
Twelfth Night	Shakespeare	Comedy
Ulysses	James Joyce [40 th BCS]	Novel
Uncle Tom's Cabin	Mrs. Harriet Stowe	Novel
Utopia	Sir Thomas More	Speculative Work
Vanity Fair	W.M. Thackeray	Novel
The Vagabond	R.L. Stevenson	Poem
Vicar of Wakefield	Oliver Goodsmith	Novel
Vision of Judgement	Lord Byron	Poem
Vision of Mirza	Addison	Allegory
Voyage to Liliput	Jonathon Swift	Satire
Waiting For Godot	Samuel Becket	Play
War and Peace	Tolstoy	Novel
Waste Land	T.S. Eliot	Poem
Way of the World	Congreve	Comedy
Winter's Tale	Shakespeare	Play
Wuthering Heights	Emile Bronte	story

Other Important Writers and Their Works

Works	Authors	Origin & Types
Mein Kampf	Adolf Hitler	German Fiejrer
Promenteus Unboun, Agamemnon	Aeschylus	Father of Greek Tragedy
The Rape of the Lock, The Dunciad	Alexander Pope	English Poet and Satirist
In Memoriam, The Lady of Shalott, Idylls of the King, Ulysses	Alfred Tennyson	English Poet
The Garden	Andrew Marvell	English Poet
The Peace, The Clouds, Froges	Aristophanes	Greek Poet and Playwright
Politics	Aristotle	Greek Philosopher
Volpone, Everyman in His Humour	Ben Jonson	English Poet and Dramatist
Marriage and Morals, The Impact of Science upon Society	Bertrand Russel	British Philosopher
Origin of Species, Descent of Man	Charled Darwin	English Writer
The Pickwick Paper, Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	English Novelist
Jane Eyre, Professor Shirley	Charlotte Bronte	Britsh Novelist
Dr. Faustus, The Jew of Malta, Tamburlaine	Christopher Marlowe	British Dramatist of Elizabethan Age
Lady Chatterley's Lover	D.H. Lawrence	English Novelist and Poet
Robinson Crusoe, Moll Flanders	Daniel Defoe	English Journalist and Novelist
La Divina Comedia	Dante	Italian Poet
Vanity of the Human Wishes, Dictionary	Dr. Samuel Johnson	English Lexicographer and Writer
Under Milk Wood, Eighteen Poems	Dylan Thomas	English Poet and Journalist
A Passage to India, Longest Journey	E.M. Foster	English Novelist
The Raven	Edger Allan Poe	American short story writer
Novum Organum	Francis Bacon	English Philosopher and Essayist
Canterbury Tales, The legend of Good Women	Geoffery Chaucer	Father of English Poetry
Man and Superman, Candida, Apple Cart, Arms and the Man, Saint Joan	G.B Shaw	Irish Dramatist and Critic
Adam Bede, The Mill on the Eloss, Silas Marner	George Eliot	Author
Nineteen Eighty Four, Animal Farm	George Orwell	Novelist
The Time Machine, The Invisible Man	H. G. Wells	English Science Fiction Writer
A Psalm of Life	H. W. Longfellow	American Poet
Tom Jones, Joseph Andrews	Henry Fielding	English Novelist
Odessey, Iliad	Homer	Greek Epic Poet
Abu Ben Adhem	James Henry Leigh Uunt	English Poet, Politician and Essayist
Pride and Prejudice, Sense and Sensibility	Jane Austen	English Woman Novelist
The Pilgrim's Progress	John Bunyan	English Prose Writer
Samsonn Agonistes, Paradise Lost, Paradise Regained	John Milton	English Poet
The White Devil, The Duchess of Malfi	John Wenster	English Playwright
Das Capital, Communist Manifesto	Karl Marx	German Philosopher and Economist
Don Juan	Lord Byron	Romantic Poet/ Rebel poet
Sohrab and Rustom, The Scholar Gypsy, Dover Beach	Mathew Arnold	English Poet and Critic
Mother; My Childhood	Maxim Gorky	Russian Author
Night and Day; A Room of One's Own	Mrs. Virginia Woolf	English Novelist
The Vicar of Wakefield	Oliver Goldsmith	Irish writer, Poet, Novelist and Playwright

Works	Authors	Origin & Types
An Ideal Husband	Oscar Wilde	English Poet and Novelist
Adonias; Prometheus Unbound, Ozymandias Ode to the West Wind, To a Skylark	P.B. Shelley	English Poet
West Running Brook	Robert Frost	American Poet
Hesperides, To Daffodils	Robert Herrick	English Poet
Kindnapped; Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson	Scottish Author and Poet
The Jungle Book, Kim	Rudyard Kipling	English Poet and Novelist
Kubla Khan, Biographia Literaria	S.T. Coleridge	English Poet
The Way of All Flesh	Samuel Butler	English Author
The Vanity of Human Wishes	Samuel Johnson	English Writer
Seize The Day	Saul Bellow	American Novelist (Born In Canada)
Macbeth, Hamlet, As You Like It, etc.	Shakespeare, William	Greatest English Poet and Dramatist
Delusion and Dream	Sigmund Freud	Austrian Founder of Psycho-Analysis
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	Sir Arthur C. Doyle	English Novelist
Apology for Poetry	Sir Philip Sidney	English Soldier and Poet
The Gathering Storm; The Second World War	Sir Winston Churchill	Politician of England
Murder in the Cathedral	T.S. Eliot	English Poet and Playwright
Past and Present	Thomas Carlyle	English Writer
Ode to Adversity	Thomas Gray	English Poet
The Mayor Casterbridge	Thomas Hardy	Novelist
The Spanish Tragedy	Thomas Kyd	Playwright
The Epicurean, The Minstrel Boy, The La Rose of Summer	Thomas Moore	Irish Poet
Mrs. Dalloway	Virginia Woolf	English Novelist
The Tower	W.B. Yeats	Irish Poet and Dramatist
Songs of Experience; Songs of Innocence	William Blake	English Poet
The Sound and the Fury	William Faulkner	American Novelist
The Vision of Piers Plowman	William Langland	Prose Writer
Henry Esmond; The Prelude; The Daffodils; Michael; Tintern Abbey	William Makepeace Thackeray	English Novelist

Try Yourself

- 'Vanity Fair' is a novel written by- [41st BCS]
a) D. H. Lawrence
b) William Makepeace Thackeray
c) Joseph Conrad
d) Virginia Woolf **A: b**
- 'Lady Chatterley's Lover' was written by the author of – [41st BCS]
a) Lord Jim
b) The Rainbow
c) Ulysses
d) A Passage to India **A: b**
- Who wrote the play "The Way of the World?" [43rd BCS]
a) William Shakespeare
b) William Congreve
c) Ben Johnson
d) Oscar Wilde **A: b**
- "Moby Dick", a novel, was written by- [43rd BCS]
a) Herman Melville
b) Mark Twain
c) Nathaniel Hawthorne
d) William Faulkner **A: a**
- Who is the author of the novel "The God of Small Things?" [43rd BCS]
A. Thomas Hardy
B. R. K. Narayan
C. Jhumpa Lahiri
D. Arundhati Roy **A: d**
- The play "The Spanish Tragedy" is written by— [38th BCS]
a. John Milton
b. Thomas Kyd
c. John Donne
d. Alexander Pope **A: b**

For Home Study

Nobel Laureates in English Literature

Name	Title	Year	Nationality
Sully Prudhomme	Poet	1901	French
Robindranath	Bengali Poet	1913	Indian
Rudyard Kipling	Short-story writer	1907	Indian by Birth and British by living
W.B. Yeats	Poet	1923	Irish
George Bernard Shaw	Dramatist	1925	Irish
John Galsworthy	Novelist	1932	British
Pearl S. Buck	A woman novelist	1938	American
T.S. Eliot	Poet	1948	British
William Faulkner	Novelist	1949	American
Bertrand Russell	Modern philosopher	1950	British

Name	Title	Year	Nationality
Ernest Hemingway	Novelist	1954	American
Samuel Beckett	Dramatist	1969	British
Pablo Neruda	Poet and Diplomat	1971	Chilean (Spanish)
William Golding	Dramatist	1983	British
Wole Soyinka	Playwright	1986	Nigerian
Seamus Heaney	Poet Laureate	1995	British
Harold Pinter	Dramatist	2005	British
Doris Lessing	Novelist	2007	British
Alice Munro	Short-story writer	2013	Canadian
Bob Dylan	Poet	2016	American
Kazuo Ishiguro	Novelist	2017	British
Louise gluck	Poet	2020	American

Rejected Nobel Prize:

১৯৬৪ সালে ফ্রান্স Philosopher Jaen Paul Sarte (1905-1980) ও ১৯৫৮ সালে রাশিয়ান Poet and Novelist Boris Pasternak (1890-1960) Literature-এ Nobel Prize পেয়ে প্রত্যাখ্যান করেন।

Important Quotations (For More Practice)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “Justice delayed, is justice denied”- Gladstone ➤ “Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested”- Of Studies, Francis Bacon ➤ “I am a man more sinned against than sinning”- King Lear, William Shakespeare ➤ “Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man- Of Study, Francis Bacon ➤ “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood and sorry I could not travel both”- The Road not taken, Robert Frost ➤ “Better to reign in hell than serve in heaven”- Paradise Lost. Milton ➤ “Poetry is the breath and finer sprit of knowledge”- Preface to the Lyrical ballads, Wordsworth. ➤ “I came, I saw, I conquered”- Julius Caesar, Shakespeare. ➤ “Childhood shows the man as morning shows the day”- Milton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ “A little learning is a dangerous thing”- An Essay on Criticism, Pope. ➤ “Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers, and I linger on the shore”- Locksley Hall, Alfred Tennyson ➤ “The falcon cannot hear the falconer”- The Second Coming, W. B. Yeats ➤ “Culture is to know the best that has been said and thought in the world”- Literature and Dogma, Matthew Arnold ➤ “I celebrate myself and sing myself”- Song of Myself, Walt Whitman ➤ “Fair is foul, foul is fair”- Macbeth, W. Shakespeare ➤ “Some are born great, Some achieve greatness”- Twelfth Night, Shakespeare ➤ “The past is no good to us. The future is full of anxiety. Only the present is real”. Seize the Day, Saul Bellow |
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More Quotations from English Literature

1. "How do I love thee? Let me count the ways."
How Do I Love Thee: by Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
2. "Water, water, every where,
And all the boards did shrink" **Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge.**
3. "Shall I compare thee to a summers day? "
Shall I compare thee to a summers day (Sonnet 18) by William Shakespeare.
4. "Into the valley of Death Rode the six hundred".
The Charge of the Light Brigade by Alfred Lord Tennyson
5. "Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered weak and weary" **The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe**
6. "But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep."
Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening by Robert Frost
7. "By the shors of Gitche Gumees,
Of the shining Big-Sea-Water" **The Song of Hiawatha by Henry Wordsworth Longfellow**
8. "I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree." **Trees by Joyce Kilmer**
9. "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord"
Battle Hymn of the Republic by Julia Ward Howe
10. "Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole".
Out Of The Night That Covers Me by William Ernest Henley.

Following is a list of the best first lines from novels:

1. "Call me Ishmael." - **Herman Melville, Moby-Dick (1851)**
2. "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife." - **Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice (1813)**
3. "A screaming comes across the sky."- **Thomas Pynchon, Gravity's Rainbow (1973)**
4. "Happy families are all alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." - **Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina (1877; trA: Constance Garnett)**
5. "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen."-**George Orwell, 1984 (1949)**
6. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair." - **Charles Dickens, A Tale of two cities (1859).**
7. "I am an invisible man." - **Ralph Ellison, Invisible Man (1952)**
8. "You don't know about me without you have read a book by the name of The Adventures of Tom Sawyer;

- But that ain't no matter." - **Mark Twain, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1885)**
9. "Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show." - **Charles Dickens, David Copperfield (1850)**
10. "Mother died today. Or, may be yesterday; I can't be sure."
" - **Albert Camus, The Stranger (1942; trA: Stuart Gilbert)**
11. "The sky above the port was the color of television, tuned to a dead channel." - **William Gibson, Neuromancer (1984)**
12. "I am a sick man ... I am a spiteful man." I am an unattractive man. I think there is something wrong with my liver." - **Fyodor Dostoevsky, Notes from Underground (1964; TrA: Michael R. Katz)**
13. "Where now? Who now? When now?" - **Samuel Beckett, The Unnamable (1953; trA: Patrick Bowles)**
14. "Once an angry man dragged his father along the ground through his own orchard. Stop! cried the groaning old man at last, Stop! I did not drag my father beyond this tree." - **Gertrude Stein, The Making of Americans (1925)**
15. "Ships at a distance have every man's wish on board" - **Zora Neale Hurston, Their Eyes Were Watching a God (1937).**
16. "He was an old man who fished alone in a skiff in the Gulf Stream and he had gone eighty-four days now without taking a fish." - **Ernest Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea (1952)**
17. "We started dying before the snow, and like the snow, we continued to fall." - **Louise Erdrich, Tracks (1988)**
18. "It was a pleasure to burn." -**Ray Bradbury, Fahrenheit (1953)**
19. "It was love at first sight." -**Joseph Heller, Catch-22 (1961)**
20. "Once upon a time, there was a woman who discovered she had turned into the wrong person." - **Anne Tyler, Back when we were grownups (2001).**
21. "It was a queer, sultry summer, the summer they electrocuted the Rosenbergs, and I didn't know what I was doing in New York." - **Sylvia Plath, The Bell Jar (1963).**
22. "In the late summer of that year we lived in a house in a village that looked across the river and the plain to the mountains." - **Ernest Hemingway, A Farewell to Arms (1929)**
23. "The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there." - **L. P. Hartley, The Go-Between (1953)**
24. "Justice?- You get justice in the next world, in this world you have the law." - **William Gaddis, A Frolic of His Own (1994).**
25. "Of all the things that drive men to sea, the most common disaster, I've come to learn, is women." - **Charles Johnson, Middle Passage (1990).**
26. "Time is not a line but a dimension, like the dimensions of space." - **Margaret Atwood, Cat's Eye (1988)**

Short Exam

1. **Who wrote 'Dr. Zivago'?**
 - a) Maxim Gorky b) Boris Pastornak
 - c) Fyodor Dostoevsky d) Leo Tolstoy
2. **'Vanity Fair' is a novel written by-**
 - a) D. H. Lawrence
 - b) William Makepeace Thackeray
 - c) Joseph Conrad
 - d) Virginia Woolf
3. **Who is the most famous satirist in English literature?**
 - a) Alexander pope
 - b) Jonathan Swift
 - c) William Wordsworth
 - d) Butler
4. **Who is considered to be the father of English novel?**
 - a) France is Bacon b) Geoffrey Chaucer
 - c) King Alfred the Great d) Henry Fielding
5. **Who is called the poet of beauty in English literature?**
 - a) P.B Shelley b) Lord Byron
 - c) William Wordsworth d) John Keats
6. **What was the real name of the great American Short story writer, O' Henry?**
 - a) a poem by Wordsworth
 - b) William Sydney Porter
 - c) Fits-James O' Brian
 - d) William Huntington Wright
7. **Words inscribed on a tomb is an—**
 - a. epitome b. epithet
 - c. episode d. epitaph
8. **"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" These lines were written by-**
 - a. Keats b. Frost
 - c. Eliot d. Shelley
9. **"I have a —That one day this nation will live out the true meaning of its creed that all men are created equal"**
 - a. desire b. hope
 - c. dream d. wish
10. **'Poets are unacknowledged legislator of the world'—Who told it?**
 - a. Browning b. Shelley
 - c. Tennyson d. Byron

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