

## Spectrum: Literature and Contemporary Issues IV th Semester Common Course English

### Multiple Choice Questions

#### Question Bank

1. Which Character washes up on the Island of Phaeacians during his journey to Ithaca?  
a) Hamlet b) Odysseus c) Stephen Dedalus d) Don Quixote
2. Who according to Amenda Michalapoulou created the novel of wander lust?  
a) Cervantes b) Shakespeare c) James Joyce d) Homer
3. Who is the author of *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*  
a) James Joyce b) Cervantes c) Shakespeare d) Anton Chekov
4. Claudius and Getrude are the characters in .....  
a) Sorrows of Young Werther b) Hamlet c) A portrait of an Artist as a Young Man  
d) Don Quixote
5. Who is the author of *Friday, the Other Island*?  
a) Aristotle b) Shakespeare c) Michel Tournier d) None of these
6. Who is the author of *The Sorrows of Young Werther*?  
a) Aristotle b) Shakespeare c) Goethe d) Homer
7. Who is Viswanathan's wife?  
a) Radha b) Seetha c) Manju d) Maya
8. What was Radha's profession?  
a) Tailor b) Carpenter c) House maid d) None of these
9. In which novel is Comala a town of the dead?  
a) The Feast of the Goat b) Pedro Paramo  
c) Love in the Time of Cholera d) None of these
10. Who is the author of Pedro Paramo?  
a) Mariyo Vargues Llosa b) Juan Rulfo c) Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
d) Jorge Luis Borges
11. Which day did Viswnathan select to commit suicide?  
a) Independent Day b) Republic Day c) Gandhi Jayanti d) None of these

12. Who is the author of Comala ?

a) Sachidananthan b) N P Hafiz Mohamed c) Santhosh Eachikkanam d) Sara Joseph

13. What does Mariam bring along with the tea for the visitor?

a) Halwa b) Small Rolls of Boiled Riped Nentrappazham c)Boiled Eggs d) None of these

14. Who was the wife of Alassankutty?

a) Mariam b)Fathima c)Ayisha d)None of these.

15. In what accent did the visitor speak to Alassankutty?

a) Hinglish b) Manglish c) Zinglish d) None of these

16. According to Mariam, the visitor was a \_\_\_\_ sent by God to work miracles for them.

a) Messenger b) soothsayer c) oracle d) angel

17. How old was Alassankutty?

a) 40 b) 41 c) 42 d) 44

18. What did the urban beauty smuggle?

a) Ivory b) Gold c) Values d) Culture

19. Turmeric is called the Nector of \_\_\_\_.

a) Love b) Immortality c) purity d) Wisdom

20. The term Yellow shore refers to the quality of Turmeric as a \_\_\_\_.

a) Medicine b) Anti-dote c) Cosmetic d)Ingredient in Curries.

21. Where was the speaker's brother employed?

a) Vox Wagon b) Cadillac c) Ford d) Benz

22. Identify the figure of speech: "Feeling the light rain falling like mist/into your hair"

a) Metaphor b) Simile c) Metonymy d) None of these.

23. Whose is described as the opera 'you' hate most in "What Work Is"?

a) Wagner's b) Tucker's c) Domingo's d) None of these

24. What is Warsan Shire's ethnic identity?

a) Somali b) Egyptian c) Palestinian d) British

25. What is the boy with whom the poet went to school holding?

a) a pistol b) a knife c) a gun d) a dagger.

26. No one puts their children in a boat unless the water is \_\_\_\_\_  
a) safer than the home b) safer than the land c) riskier than the jail d) All of these.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ is better than a truckload of men who look like one's father.  
a) A General b) A Pastor c) A Prison Guard d) A Teacher
28. Who is described as "the veteran of a hundred illegal trips to Sind"?  
a) Aftab b) Zaman c) Najab d) Kaley Shah
29. What was Najab notorious for among his friends?  
a) Adventures b) Confidence c) Diffidence d) Brutality
30. What was Kaley Shah's profession?  
a) Money lender b) Cloth Seller c) Trader d) Illegal businessman
31. What could have brightened the darkness of the underworld?  
a) Kaley Shah's eyes b) Najab's eyes c) Fatima's eyes d) Panchmai Pir's halo
32. In which Indian state is the Rann of Kutch situated?  
a. Maharashtra b. Gujarat c. Uttarpradesh d) Jammu and Kashmir
33. Where did Najab sleep in the evening before slipping into Fatimah's room late at night?  
a) Stable b) Cattle Shed c) Inside a car d) None of these.
34. Identify the figure of speech: "Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes."  
a) Metaphor b) Simile c) Metonymy d) Synecdoche
35. By what can one win the strength of the other?  
a) Arms b) Love c) Compassion d) None of these
36. How are the other starved?  
a) By war's long winter b) By peaceful harvest c) By dirty water d) None of these
37. In which collection was the poem "No Men Are Foreign" included?  
a) No Men Are Foreign b) The Caged Bird in springtime c) The Prodigal Son d) The Sand Artist.
38. Where are the speaker/s of the poem digging a grave?  
a) Sky b) Earth c) Water d) None of these
39. Who is the woman with golden hair?  
a) Shulamith b) Margarete c) both d) None of these.
40. What does the man in house play with?  
a) Snakes b) Lizards c) Rabbits d) None of these
41. Who is the woman with ashen hair?  
a) Shulamith b) Margarete c) both d) None of these .
42. The narrator of "Jamaican Fragment" went for a walk everyday from his home to \_\_\_\_\_  
a) the tramcar lines b) bus station c) the coffee shop d) the office.
43. The narrator of "Jamaican Fragment" noticed two boys, \_\_\_\_\_, playing in the garden.  
a) one tall and one short b) One fat and one lean c) One White and One Black d) None of these

44. The two boys were the \_\_\_\_ of the white man.  
a) brothers b) neighbours c) cousins d) sons
45. In A.L. Hendricks' narrative, the white boy strode \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) gorgeously b) imperiously c) pompously d) humbly.
46. Malala Yusefsai delivered a speech at U.N Assembly on .....  
a) 12 June 2013 b) 12 July 2013 c) 13 Jan 2014 d) 13 July 2014
47. Malala got the Nobel Prize for peace at the age of .....  
a) 11 b) 14 c) 16 d) 17
48. .... is the U.N Secretary General addressed by Malala in her speech.  
a) Vuk Jeremic b) Nelson Mandela c) Ban Ki Moon d) Gordon Brown
49. Malala delivered the U.N Speech on her .....th birthday in 2013  
a) 16<sup>th</sup> b) 14<sup>th</sup> c) 15<sup>th</sup> d) 17<sup>th</sup>
50. Malala wanted people to empower themselves with .....  
a) Peaceful coexistence b) terrorism c) violence d) the weapon of knowledge
51. On ..... Malala was shot by the Taliban.  
a) 9 October 2012 b) 12 September 2013 c) b) 12 July 2013 d) 13 November 2012
52. Jon Silkin was a/an ..... poet.  
a) American b) African c) British d) Australian
53. "*Caring for Animals*" is taken from the poetry collection.....  
a) The Portrait and Other Poems b) The Peaceable Kingdom  
c) Living Voices d) Nature with Man
54. In "*Caring for Animals*" the poet questions the sky and .....  
a) The serene blue water b) the netherworld c) the mountain ranges d) deserts
55. In Silkin's poem, dogs are seen with .....  
a) Tails straight b) eyes shut c) wounded legs d) clipped ears
56. According to Silkin, animals are our .....

- a) Friends   b) ghosts   c) enemies   d) playmates
57. It is from growing .....that great love for human animal occurs.
- a) Love   b) sympathy   c) favour   d) mercy
58. Anne Tyler was a/an ..... novelist.
- a) American   b) African   c) British   d) Australian
59. Anne Tyler's first work of fiction is .....
- a) *The Tin Can Tree*   b) *A Slipping- Down Life*   c) *If Morning Ever Comes*   d) *The Clock Winder*
60. "Average Waves in Unprotected Waters" was originally published in..... on Feb28, 1977.
- a) *The New Yorker*   b) *Disability Studies Reader*   c) *The Weekly*   d) *The London Times*
- 61.. In the story "Average Waves in Unprotected Waters" .....tries to institutionalize her mentally retarded son.
- a) Anne Tyler   b) Mrs.Puckett   c) Avery Belvins   d) Bet Belvins
- 62.. ..... is the son of Bet Belvins.
- a) Jack   b) Puckett   c) Avery   d) Arnold
63. Bet's son was a .....challenged child.
- a) Orthopedically   b) visually   c) mentally   d) None of these
64. Arnold looked at the suitcase .....
- a) happily   b) enthusiastically   c) suspiciously   d) unwillingly
65. Bet bought the tickets and a pack of ..... at the station
- a) chocolate   b) spearmint gum   c) biscuits   d) cookies
66. .... is Emmanuelle Laborit's autobiography.
- a) *Children of a Lesser God*   b) *The Cry of the Gull*   c) *Beyond Silence*   d) *An Air So Pure*
67. The parents nicknamed Laborit as .....

a) Mouette    b) Emma    c) L ousie    d) Kitty

68. Mouette is a ..... word which means seagull

a) Italian    b) French    c) German    d) English

69. “She may be deaf but she’s so cute!”

“She’ll just be that much smarter”- whose words are these?

a) uncle’s    b) father’s    c) grandparent’s    d) mother’s

70. The author says that she comes from a .....family.

a) Artist’s family    b) Seafaring family    c) Turkish family    d) Mountaineering family

71. “Emmanuelle makes shrieking sounds because she can’t hear herself”, was first said by .....

a) The Speech Therapist    b) Emmanuelle’s father    c) Uncle Fifou    d) The Pediatrician

72. ....got married in the chapel of the National Institute for the Deaf in Bordeaux.

a) The author’s paternal grandparents    b) The author’s parents    c) The author’s maternal parents    d) None of these

73. Emmanuelle was .....months/years old when her mother was took her to a specialist.    a) Nine months    b) Seven months    c) Six months    d) 2 years

74. “My life up to the age of seven is full of flashbacks”, was said by .....

.    a) Emmanuelle Laborit    b) Malala Yusafsai    c) Anne Tyller  
d) Jon Silkins

75. .... thought that Emmanuelle Laborit as a child was crazy.

a) The Speech Therapist    b) Emmanuelle’s father    c) The counselor  
d) The Pediatrician

76. “Love Across the Salt Desert” is an adventurous journey of \_\_\_\_\_

a) Zaman    b) Najab    c) Aftab    d) Kaley Shah

77. The Bollywood film “Refugee” was directed by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) J.P Dutta b) K.N Daruwalla c) N.C Daruwalla d) Kaley Shah
78. Najab's lover Fathima is a \_\_\_\_\_ girl.
- a) Indian b) Pakistani c) Bangladeshi d)Afghanistan
- 79.. \_\_\_\_\_ poet was awarded the Brunel University African Poetry prize in 2013
- a) K.N Daruwalla b) Warson Shire c) Jayantha Mahapathra d) Wole soyanka.
80. In the poem “ Death Fugue” *Black milk of daybreak* symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_
- a) a life in the camp b)a life in the village c)poets personal life d)a life in the prison.
81. \_\_\_\_\_ is the heroine of Goethe's “Faust”
- a) Shulamith b)Margaret c) both d) none of these.
82. “Death Fugue” was originally written in \_\_\_\_\_
- a) French b)Romanian c)Japanese d) German.
83. Emmanuelle Laborit was a .....actress
- a) French b) German c) American d) African
84. The Cry of the Gull is an autobiography of .....
- a) Keki N Daruwalla b) Malala Yousafzai c)Anne Tyler d) Emmanuelle Laborit
85. “ And your love grows. Your great love grows and grows” is the line taken from.-----
- a)What Work Is b)Turmeric c) Caring for Animals d) Home
86. Comala is the town located in .....state of Colima
- a) Arabian b) Mexican c) German d) Nigerian
87. Who is the protagonist in the story “The Big Fish”?
- a) Viswan b) Alassankutty c) Bet Blevins d) Sudhakaran
88. What is the main theme of the poem *Home*?
- a) War b) Refugee crisis c) Faming d) drought
89. The central character in the story “Love across the Salt Desert”
- a) Shareef b) Alassankutty c) Najab d) Mujeeb

90. Name of the movie based on the story “Love across the Salt Desert”

a) Refugee b) Border c) Zindagi d) Shole

91. According to critics , Silkin’s poems often focus on his .....identity

a) German b) Jewish c) Black d) Irish

92. The UN speech was given on Malala’s .....birthday in 2013.

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99. Stephen Dedalus is the hero of James Joyce’s novel.....

a) Ulysses b) Dubliners c) A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

d) Finnegans Wake



100. "No Men Are Foreign" is a poem that protests against .....

a) Claustrophobia b) xenophobia c) Autocrats d) Government

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**ANSWER KEYS :**

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20b,21b,22a,23b,24d,25b,26c,27a,28a,29a,30d**