



## 50<sup>th</sup> Preli. Subject Test-9 (English) এর ব্যাখ্যাসহ প্রশ্ন সমাধান

১. Which literary age is called 'a nest of singing birds'?

**Answer:** The Elizabethan Period

**Explanation:** The Elizabethan Age (1558-1603) is called "a nest of singing birds" because it was a golden era for English poetry, drama, and music, producing an explosion of lyrical talent from poets and playwrights.

২. Edmund Spenser's 'The Faerie Queene' is a/an—

**Answer:** Allegory

**Explanation:** Edmund Spenser's "The Faerie Queene" is an allegorical romance symbolizing an individual's moral and spiritual journey.

৩. In which year was Shakespeare born in? **Answer:** 1564

**Explanation:** William Shakespeare was born in 1564, traditionally celebrated on April 23rd in Stratford-upon-Avon, England.

৪. "Time and tide wait for no man." is quoted by—

**Answer:** Chaucer

**Explanation:** The famous proverb, "Time and tide wait for no man," is widely attributed to the English poet Geoffrey Chaucer, appearing in his work The Clerk's Tale (part of The Canterbury Tales).

৫. In which city 'European Renaissance' was begun?

**Answer:** Florence

**Explanation:** The European Renaissance began in the city of Florence, in the Tuscany region of central Italy.

৬. Which one is not an artwork of Leonardo Da Vinci?

**Answer:** The Creation of Adam

**Explanation:** The Creation of Adam is a famous fresco by Michelangelo, painted between 1508 and 1512 on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City.

৭. Who did quote —"Studies serve for delight, for ornament and for ability."?

**Answer:** Francis Bacon

**Explanation:** That famous quote, "Studies serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability," was spoken by the English philosopher and statesman Francis Bacon.

৮. Which one is not the Shakespeare's sonnet?

**Answer:** Much Ado about Nothing

**Explanation:** Much Ado About Nothing is a full-length play, a work of theatre, whereas Shakespeare's sonnets are short, 14-line poems.

৯. Who is not a romantic poet?

**Answer:** Eliot

**Explanation:** T.S. Eliot is not a Romantic poet; he is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures of modernist poetry.

১০. How many lines are there in Allen Ginsberg's 'September on Jessor Road'? **Answer:** 152

**Explanation:** Allen Ginsberg's poem "September on Jessor Road" has 152 lines, chronicling the suffering of refugees during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.

১১. Which famous book is not written by Charles Robert Darwin?

**Answer:** The Origin of Live on Earth

**Explanation:** The book, The Origin of Life on Earth, is most famously written by Aleksandr Oparin.

১২. Which one is not written by John Bunyan?

**Answer:** Women in the World

**Explanation:** The book titled Women of the World: The Rise of the Female Diplomat was written by Helen McCarthy.

১৩. In the poem 'Ozymandias' The phrase 'King of kings' is an example of — **Answer:** irony

**Explanation:** The phrase "King of kings" is an example of irony because there is a stark contrast between the boastful claim and the current reality of the scene described in the poem.

১৪. Anae Frank's 'The Dairy of a Young Girl' is written in which language? **Answer:** Dutch

**Explanation:** The Diary of a Young Girl, commonly referred to as The Diary of Anne Frank, is a book of the writings from the Dutch-language diary kept by Anne Frank.

১৫. Which one is not written by John Webster?

**Answer:** The Lady May

**Explanation:** The Lady of the May is a pastoral masque written by Sir Philip Sidney.

১৬. Who is not the character of Alexander Pope's famous epic 'The Rape of the Lock'? **Answer:** Arbuthnot

**Explanation:** Alexander Pope's The Rape of the Lock features characters like the vain heroine Belinda, the audacious Baron who cuts her hair, her protective but ineffective sylph Ariel, the mischievous gnome Umbriel, and friend Thalesiris.

১৭. Which one is not brainchild of D. H. Lawrence?

**Answer:** The White Tiger

**Explanation:** The White Tiger is a novel by Indian author Aravind Adiga. It was published in 2008 and won the 40th Booker Prize the same year.

১৮. 'Great Expectations' is a/an— **Answer:** Victorian novel

**Explanation:** Great Expectations (1861) by Charles Dickens is one of the most famous Victorian novels, reflecting themes and styles typical of the Victorian era.

১৯. How many parts are there in 'Gulliver's Travels'?

**Answer:** Four

**Explanation:** Jonathan Swift's famous satirical novel is divided into the following four parts: A Voyage to Lilliput, A Voyage to Brobdingnag, A Voyage to Laputa, A Voyage to the Country of the Houyhnhnms.

২০. A Tale in Two Parts is the collection of some—

ক. Short Stories খ. Novels গ. Plays ঘ. None

**Explanation:** "Chance: A Tale in Two Parts" is a significant novel by Joseph Conrad, published in 1913.

২১. Which one is Christopher Marlowe's first play?

**Answer:** Dido, Queen of Carthage

**Explanation:** Christopher Marlowe's first play is widely believed to be Dido, Queen of Carthage, written while he was a student and first performed by boy actors between 1587-1593.

২২. Who is called both poet and painter? **Answer:** Blake

**Explanation:** The most famous figure known as both a poet and painter is William Blake, an English Romantic artist who created visionary works integrating his symbolic poetry with his unique illustrations and illuminated books.

২৩. Who said it— "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— took the one less travelled by, And that has made all the difference"? **Answer:** Robert Frost

**Explanation:** That famous line, "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— / I took the one less traveled by, / And that has made all the difference," was spoken by the American poet Robert Frost, and it's from his beloved poem, "The Road Not Taken".

28. Which one is not the character of 'The Merchant of Venice.'?

Answer: Horatio

**Explanation:** Horatio is a prominent character in Shakespeare's play Hamlet, but not in The Merchant of Venice.

29. The narrative poem 'Lamia' is written by—

Answer: John Keats

**Explanation:** The narrative poem Lamia was written by the famous English Romantic poet John Keats.

30. Which one is not written by Jane Austen?

Answer: Heaven and Earth

**Explanation:** "Heaven and Earth" was written by Paolo Giordano.

31. 'No Second Troy' is a/an—

Answer: Poem

**Explanation:** 'No Second Troy' is a poem by the Irish poet William Butler Yeats.

32. Who is the father of English novel?

Answer: Henry Fielding

**Explanation:** Henry Fielding is widely called the "Father of the English Novel" for his influential realist works.

33. "Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers"— this quotation is taken from which poem of Lord Alfred Tennyson?

Answer: Locksley Hall

**Explanation:** The famous line "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers" is from Alfred Lord Tennyson's dramatic monologue poem, "Locksley Hall," published in 1842.

34. 'The Diamond Necklace' was written by—

Answer: Guy de Maupassant

**Explanation:** The Necklace" or "The Diamond Necklace" is an 1884 short story by French writer Guy de Maupassant.

35. Which play is written by Ben Jonson?

Answer: The Silent Women

**Explanation:** The Silent Woman is a well-known comedy play written by the English playwright and poet Ben Jonson.

36. What is a funny poem of five lines called?

Answer: Limeric

**Explanation :** A funny five-line poem is often a Limerick, known for its AABBA rhyme scheme and humorous, nonsensical content, though any five-line stanza is technically a quintain or quintet.

37. 'The Spirit of Capitalism' is written by—

Answer: Max Weber

**Explanation:** "The Spirit of Capitalism" is a key concept introduced by Max Weber in his classic sociological work The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism (1905).

38. Who did write 'Wuthering Heights'?

Answer: Emily Bronte

**Explanation:** Wuthering Heights, the classic novel of love, passion, and revenge on the Yorkshire moors, was written by Emily Brontë.

39. Who is the father of English Tragedy?

Answer: Christopher Marlowe

**Explanation:** Christopher Marlowe is called the Father of English Tragedy because he introduced powerful tragic heroes, used blank verse masterfully, and shaped the structure and themes of Renaissance tragedy, influencing later dramatists like Shakespeare.

40. Charles Dickens's 'Great Expectation' is a/an—

Answer: Victorian novel

**Explanation:** "Great Expectations" by Charles Dickens is a novel written in the mid-19th century (Victorian era).

41. First monument in English Literature 'Beowulf' is written by which author?

Answer: None of the above

**Explanation:** Beowulf is an Old English hero epic written by an unknown author between 700 and 1000.

42. 'Phoenix' is a/an—

Answer: mythical bird

**Explanation:** 'Phoenix' is a/an mythical bird known for its cycle of rebirth from ashes.

43. Who is not a 'university wit'?

Answer: Robert Lyly

**Explanation:** "University Wits" refers to a group of influential late 16th-century English playwrights and pamphleteers, including Christopher Marlowe, Thomas Kyd, Robert Greene, John Lyly, George Peele, and Thomas Nashe.

44. Which one is the 'shortest period' of English Literature?

Answer: Romantic Period

**Explanation:** The Romantic Period (roughly 1798–1832) is widely recognized as the shortest major period of English Literature, lasting approximately 34 years.

45. Who did write the poem 'Don Juan.'?

Answer: Lord Byron

**Explanation:** The satirical epic poem 'Don Juan' was written by the English Romantic poet and satirist Lord Byron.

46. 'The Time Machine' is written by—

Answer: H.G. Wells

**Explanation:** The Time Machine is an 1895 dystopian, post-apocalyptic, science fiction novella by H. G. Wells about a Victorian scientist known as the Time Traveller who travels to the year 802,701.

47. By whom was 'An Apology for Poetry' written by?

Answer: Sir Philip Sidney

**Explanation:** An Apology for Poetry is a work of literary criticism by Elizabethan poet Philip Sidney. It was written in approximately 1580 and first published in 1595.

48. The Poem 'Time, You Old Gipsy Man' is written by—

Answer: Ralph Hodgson

**Explanation:** The poem "Time, You Old Gipsy Man" was written by the English poet Ralph Hodgson.

49. In 'Ozymandias'—who saw the statue of Ozymandias?

Answer: a traveler

**Explanation:** In Percy Bysshe Shelley's "Ozymandias," the statue was seen by a traveller from an antique land.

50. What is 'Elegy'?

Answer: Song of Lamentation

**Explanation:** An elegy is a poem or song of lamentation and serious reflection, typically written to mourn the death of a person or a significant loss.

51. John Milton's famous elegy 'Lycidas' was written by following the death of which person?

Answer: Edward King

**Explanation:** John Milton's elegy 'Lycidas' was written to mourn the death of his former Cambridge classmate and friend, Edward King.

52. Who did quote— "Education is the harmonious development of body, mind and soul."?

Answer: John Milton

**Explanation:** The quote, "Education is the harmonious development of body, mind and soul," is widely attributed to the English poet John Milton.

53. 'Caliban' is a character of which play?

Answer: The Tempest

**Explanation:** Caliban is a key character in William Shakespeare's play, The Tempest.

54. Who is the author of the novel Roots?

Answer: Alex Haley

**Explanation:** Alexander Murray Palmer Haley was an American writer and the author of the book Roots: The Saga of an American Family.

၉၄. A 'Canto' is a/an—

**Answer:** division of an epic

**Explanation:** A 'Canto' is a major division or section within a long narrative or epic poem.

၉၅. 'Adela' is a character of a novel by which author?

**Answer:** E. M. Forster

**Explanation:** The character Adela Quested is from the famous novel "A Passage to India" written by the English author E. M. Forster.

၉၆. Which one is an example of 'Metaphore'?

**Answer:** He is the short of the family

**Explanation:** A metaphor is a figure of speech that directly compares two unlike things without using "like" or "as", stating that one thing is another. Option B implies that he is very short, as if he embodies the quality of shortness for the entire family.

၉၈. 'Iliad and Odyssey' was translated into English by which author?

**Answer:** George Chapman

**Explanation:** Many authors have translated Homer's Iliad and Odyssey, but the first complete English translation was by George Chapman (early 17th century).

၉၉. Find the odd man out—

**Answer:** Francis Bacon

**Explanation:** Thomas Kyd, John Lyly, and Thomas Lodge are all part of the "University Wits," a group of late 16th-century English playwrights and pamphleteers who were popular secular writers.

၉၆. Who is the father of modern English criticism?

**Answer:** John Dryden

**Explanation:** John Dryden (1631-1700) is widely regarded as the "father of English criticism," a title bestowed upon him by Dr. Samuel Johnson.

၉၇. Who is not an Elizabethan Period's writer?

**Answer:** George Herbert

**Explanation:** The Elizabethan Age corresponds to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603). George Herbert was born in 1593, towards the very end of this period, but his significant work was published during the subsequent Jacobean (1603-1625) and Caroline Ages (1625-1649).

၉၈. "Life is a tale, told by an idiot." is an example of—

**Answer:** Metaphor

**Explanation:** "Life is a tale, told by an idiot" is a famous line from Shakespeare's Macbeth, primarily an example of a metaphor (comparing life to a meaningless story).

၉၉. 'Utopia' is a/an—

**Answer:** Satire

**Explanation:** Thomas More's seminal work, Utopia, is a socio-political satire.

၁၀. Who wrote the novel 'Nostromo'?

**Answer:** Joseph Conrad

**Explanation:** Nostromo: A Tale of the Seaboard is a 1904 novel by Joseph Conrad, set in the fictitious South American republic of "Costaguana".

၁၁. "Life is an uncertain voyage." from which play is this quote taken from?

**Answer:** Timon of Athens

**Explanation:** The quote "Life is an uncertain voyage" is associated with William Shakespeare's play Timon of Athens.

၁၂. What is the central idea of "I wandered Lonely as a Cloud"?

**Answer:** We can find solace in nature

**Explanation:** The central idea of William Wordsworth's "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" is the restorative power of nature and the enduring joy that memories of the natural world can provide.

၁၃. The protagonist of the novel 'Wuthering Heights' is—

**Answer:** Heathcliff

**Explanation:** The protagonist of Wuthering Heights is Heathcliff, a dark, passionate, and complex figure whose tormented childhood and obsessive, destructive love for Catherine Earnshaw drive the novel's tragic events and themes of revenge, social class, and intense emotion.

၁၄. Who is the first Lexicographer in English?

**Answer:** Samuel Johnson

**Explanation:** Samuel Johnson is widely considered the first true English lexicographer for his groundbreaking A Dictionary of the English Language, published in 1755.

၁၅. What is the central idea of the poem 'To Daffodils'?

**Answer:** Short living of human life

**Explanation:** The central idea of Robert Herrick's poem "To Daffodils" is the transience of life and the inevitability of death for all living things, including humans. The poem uses the short life span of the daffodil as a metaphor for the brevity of human existence.

၁၆. Which famous poem is not written by S.T. Coleridge?

**Answer:** Prometheus Unbound

**Explanation:** Prometheus Unbound is a four-act lyrical drama written by Percy Bysshe Shelley, first published in 1820.

၁၇. Who was a friend of John Milton?

**Answer:** Andrew Marvell

**Explanation:** Andrew Marvell (M) was a close friend and political ally of John Milton, famously defending him in his poem "To His Coy Mistress" and later helping Milton escape during the Restoration.

၁၈. The novel 'Eyeless in Gaza' was penned by—

**Answer:** Aldous Huxley

**Explanation:** The novel Eyeless in Gaza was penned by the English writer and philosopher Aldous Huxley.

၁၉. Ralph, is the protagonist of the famous novel—

**Answer:** Lord of the Flies

**Explanation:** Ralph is the protagonist of the famous novel "Lord of the Flies" by William Golding.

၂၀. Who did write the play 'The Way of the World'?

**Answer:** Congreve

**Explanation:** The Way of the World is a comedy play written by the English playwright William Congreve, first performed in 1700.

၂၁. Who authored the Psychological Essay 'The Doors of Perception'? **Answer:** Aldous Leonard Huxley

**Explanation:** The psychological essay 'The Doors of Perception' was authored by the renowned English writer Aldous Huxley, first published in 1954.

၂၂. Which one is not written by 'John Donne'?

**Answer:** To His Coy Mistress

**Explanation:** To His Coy Mistress was written by the English poet Andrew Marvell.

၂၃. Alexander Pope's 'An Essay on Man' is a/an—

**Answer:** Poem

**Explanation:** Alexander Pope's An Essay on Man is a philosophical poem written in heroic couplets, exploring humanity's place in a divinely ordered universe, arguing for acceptance of one's role.

၂၄. 'Leviathan' is written by which author?

**Answer:** Thomas Hobbes

**Explanation:** Leviathan is a book by the English philosopher Thomas Hobbes (1588–1679), published in 1651.

၂၅. 'Elizabeth Bennet' is the protagonist of which novel of Jane Austen? **Answer:** Pride and Prejudice

**Explanation:** Elizabeth Bennet is the witty, intelligent protagonist of Jane Austen's beloved novel Pride and Prejudice, first published in 1813.

၂၆. Lord Byron's 'Don Juan' is a/an— **Answer:** Poem

**Explanation:** Don Juan is an English unfinished satirical epic poem written by Lord Byron between 1819 and 1824 that portrays the Spanish folk legend of Don Juan.

৭৭. "Nature never did betray the heart that loved her." – who did quote it?

**Answer:** William Wordsworth

**Explanation:** That famous line, "Nature never did betray the heart that loved her," was quoted by the English poet William Wordsworth.

৭৮. 'Charles Dickens: A Critical Study' is a literary work of –

**Answer:** George Robert Gissing

**Explanation:** The literary work Charles Dickens: A Critical Study was written by George Robert Gissing.

৭৯. Who was not daughter of King Lear?

**Answer:** Caliban

**Explanation:** In William Shakespeare's tragedy King Lear, the King has three daughters: Goneril, Regan, and Cordelia.

৮০. 'The Waste Land' written by T. S. Eliot consists of how many parts?

**Answer:** Five

**Explanation:** T.S. Eliot's modernist masterpiece, The Waste Land, is divided into five distinct parts, each exploring themes of post-World War I.

৮১. Which novel is not written by Charles Dickens?

**Answer:** The Scholar Gypsy

**Explanation:** The Scholar Gypsy is a well-known poem written by Matthew Arnold, first published in 1853.

৮২. Which one is the slogan of the Neoclassical Period?

**Answer:** Art for Humanity's Sake

**Explanation:** The slogan "Art for Art's Sake" is associated with the Aesthetic Movement, which emerged in the late 19th century as a guiding principle or slogan associated with the Neoclassical period.

৮৩. 'Ishmael' is a character of which novel?

**Answer:** Moby Dick

**Explanation:** Ishmael is the narrator and a central character in Herman Melville's classic American novel, Moby-Dick.

৮৪. Chinua Achebe's 'A Man of the People' is a/an–

**Answer:** Satire

**Explanation:** A Man of the People is a novel by Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe. Written as a satirical piece, A Man of the People follows the story told by Odili.

৮৫. 'Gregor Samsa' is a protagonist of which literary work by Franz Kafka?

**Answer:** The Metamorphosis

**Explanation:** Gregor Samsa is the protagonist of Franz Kafka's famous novella, The Metamorphosis, a surreal story where he inexplicably wakes up transformed into a giant insect, exploring themes of alienation, absurdity, and family duty.

৮৬. "Brutus, you too!" from which play is this quote taken from?

**Answer:** Julius Caesar

**Explanation:** The famous line, often translated as "Brutus, you too!" or "Even you, Brutus?", comes from William Shakespeare's tragedy Julius Caesar.

৮৭. Of the following poets below who is a 'metaphysical poet'?

**Answer:** George Herbert

**Explanation:** George Herbert is best known today as a metaphysical poet, but his influence reaches beyond literature.

৮৮. What kind of literary work Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' is–

**Answer:** a comedy

**Explanation:** William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night is a romantic comedy play.

৮৯. 'Victor Hugo', writer from France – was a writer of which literary age?

**Answer:** Romantic

**Explanation:** Victor Hugo was a leading figure of the Romanticism movement in French literature during the 19th century.

৯০. Who did quote – "Where ignorance is bliss, it is folly to be wise."?

**Answer:** Thomas Gray

**Explanation:** The quote, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise," was coined by English poet Thomas Gray in his 1742 poem, "Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College".

৯১. By which author is 'The Startup Wife' written by?

**Answer:** Tahmima Anam

**Explanation:** The Startup Wife is written by the British-Bangladeshi author Tahmima Anam, a contemporary novel that explores gender, technology, ambition, and identity through the story of a woman involved in a tech startup.

৯২. "He prayth best who loveth best. All things both great and small." – who did quote it?

**Answer:** S.T. Coleridge

**Explanation:** That quote, "He prayeth best who loveth best, All things both great and small," was written by the English poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge in his poem The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.

৯৩. The character 'Mosca' is found in which literary work of Ben Jonson?

**Answer:** Volpone

**Explanation:** The character Mosca is found in Ben Jonson's famous satirical play, Volpone, first produced in 1606.

৯৪. "Fair is foul, foul is fair, Hover through the fog and filthy air." from which play is this quote taken from?

**Answer:** Macbeth

**Explanation:** That famous line, "Fair is foul, foul is fair, Hover through the fog and filthy air," is from William Shakespeare's tragedy, Macbeth.

৯৫. Which one is known a Romantic Period of English Literature?

**Answer:** 1798-1832

**Explanation:** The Romantic Period of English Literature is generally dated from 1798 to 1832.

৯৬. 'Orland' is an important character of which play written by Shakespeare?

**Answer:** As You Like it

**Explanation:** The character 'Orlando' is a central character in William Shakespeare's pastoral comedy As You Like It.

৯৭. Shakespeare composed much of his plays in which short of verse?

**Answer:** Iambic Pentameter

**Explanation:** Shakespeare composed most of his plays in blank verse, which is unrhymed verse written in iambic pentameter, a rhythm of ten syllables per line with alternating unstressed and stressed beats, similar to a heartbeat, making it sound natural yet poetic.

৯৮. Which one is the first novel of Charlotte Bronte?

**Answer:** The Professor

**Explanation:** Charlotte Brontë's first novel was The Professor, written in 1846, and published in 1857, two years after her death.

৯৯. Find the old age out –

**Answer:** The Augustan Age

**Explanation:** The Elizabethan Age (1558–1603), Jacobean Age (1603–1625), and Commonwealth Age (1649–1660) are all subdivisions of the Renaissance period in English literature and history. The Augustan Age (c. 1700–1745), also known as the Neoclassical Age or the Age of Reason, belongs to a later period, the Neoclassical period (1660–1785).

১০০. "A good face is the best letter of recommendation" – who did say it?

**Answer:** Queen Elizabeth

**Explanation:** The quote, "A good face is the best letter of recommendation," is attributed to Queen Elizabeth I.