# JAMB Literature

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## JAMB LITERATURE PAST QUESTIONS (PT.1)

1. Which Question Paper Type of Literature-in-English is given to you?

- A. Type A
- B. Type B
- C. Type C
- D. Type D

# Questions 2 to 5 are based on J.C De Graft's Sons and Daughters.

From its resolution of conflicts,
 the pay can be described as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. tragedy
- B. comedy
- C. farce
- D. melodrama

3. The prevailing theme of the play is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. love
- B. affluence
- C. social decadence

D. self-will

4. The final harassment of Maanan takes place in \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Ofosu's office
- B. Lawyer B's house
- C. Lawyer B's chamber
- D. Ofosu's house

5. 'Everything in this room outrages my sense of beauty, undermines my will to create pictures of lasting appeal....' The speaker in the quotation above is

- A. happy B. frustrated
- C. excited
- D. tired

Question 6 to 10 are based on William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

**6.** 'Farewell – God knows when we shall meet again. I have a faint cold fear thrills through my veins, That almost freezes up the heat of 8. The news of Juliet's death is lie. broken to Romeo in Mantua by I'll call them back again to comfort me. Nurse! - What should she do A. Balthasar here? **B.** Friar Lawrence My dismal scene I need act alone. C. Boy D. Friar John Come, vial'. 9. In the play, Mercutio can be The intention of the speaker above is to \_\_\_\_\_ described as \_\_\_\_\_ A. fraudulent A. commit B. suicide B. quarrelsome C. take a temporary harmful C. gentle D. kind-hearted substance D. escape from harsh realities of 10. The plot of the play is \_\_\_\_\_ life 7. The play reaches the point of A. simple denouncement B. complicated C. convoluted A. at the family feast D. chronological B. when Romeo kills Paris at the tomb Questions 11 to 13 are based C. at the reconciliation of the on Ferdinand Oyono's The Old feuding families Man and the Medal. D. when Romeo is informed of Juliet's death

11. The heavy downpour on the night of Meka's investiture symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_

- A. revelation
- B. mockery
- C. conviction
- D. blessing

12. Vandermayer's attitude and action towards Meka illustrates the church's \_\_\_\_\_

- A. despondency
- B. suspicion
- C. infuriation
- D. hypocrisy

13. 'As he opened and shut his mouth his lower jaw went down and came up, puffing up and then deflating the skin under his chin.'

The subject of description in the lines above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. the high commissioner
- B. M. Pipiniakis
- C. the white chief

D. M. Fouconi

Questions 14 to 16 are based on Buchi Emecheta's The Joy of Motherhood.

14. For attempted murder, Nnaife was jailed for \_\_\_\_\_

A. four monthsB. three monthsC. five monthsD. two months

15. In the novel, Nwokocha Agbadi is famous for his oratorical powers and \_\_\_\_\_

- A. height
- B. treachery
- C. illiteracy
- D. wealth

16. In the novel, the handing over of a baby boy in a dream to Nnu Ego by her personal god signifies

A. reincarnation

B. future blessing

C. idol worship

D. doom

# Questions 17 to 20 are based on George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four

17. The novel draws a picture of

- A. a useless past
- B. a totalitarian future
- C. an unstable moment
- D. a peaceful atmosphere

18. The power and oppression of an irresistible evil debasedWinston's dreams of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. freedom and democracy
- B. internal security
- C. wealth and capitalism
- D. sovereignty

19. Room 101 symbolizes a place of \_\_\_\_\_

B. fun C. humiliation D. tour

20. The novel can be described as

- A. optimistic
- B. antagonistic
- C. persuasive
- D. pessimistic

Question 21 to 30 are New selected Poetry based on poems Ker, D. et al (eds.) Bew Poetry from Africa; Soyinka, (ed.): Poems of Black Africa; Senanu K.E and Vincent, T. (eds.): A Selection of African Poerty; Unukoro, M et al (eds.): Exam Focus: Literature in English; Eruvbetine, A.E. et al(eds.): Longman Examination Guides and Nwoga, D.I (ed): West African Verse.

A. rest

21. In Naked Soles, Adeoti writes that the carnival of naked soles dances through \_\_\_\_\_

- A. scorching sunB. a dirty roomC. blooming thorns
- D. a cloudy atmosphere

22. In Rubadiri's **An African Thunderstorm,** the
thunderstorm begins with \_\_\_\_\_

- A. rain from the west
- B. clouds from the east
- C. rain from the east
- D. clouds from the west

23. The theme of Acquah's **In the Navel of the Soul** is \_\_\_\_\_

A. the conflict of traditions

B. ensuring that traditions were strictly observed

C. the futility of man and his tradition

D. the strength in diversity of culture and traditional views

24. In Kuene's **A Heritage of Liberation**, the persona is concerned with the \_\_\_\_\_

A. people's struggle for survival

B. criticism of modern tradition

C. intolerance of the new generation

D. celebration of African tradition.

25. Lanko's **End of the War** portrays the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. silence of
- B. usefulness of praise singers
- C. irony of life
- D. arrangement of war

26. 'Woman cannot exist except by man, What is there in that to vex some of them so?'

The statement above from the poem *Give Me The Minstrel's Seat* exemplifies \_\_\_\_\_

A. litotesB. rhetorical question

C. transferred epithetD. synecdoche

27. Marvell, in *To His Co Mistress* uses the imagery of Coy death to

- A. appreciate God's power
- B. underscore life's transience
- C. condemn the lady
- D. scare the lady

28. To sustain the interest of readers, Lawrence in **Bat** uses

- A. elision
- B. hyperbole
- C. suspense
- D. oxymoron

29. 'With a running stream and a water-mill beating the darkness. And three trees on the low sky.'

In the excerpt above from Eliot's Journey on the Magi, the dominant literary device is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. oxymoron
- B. personification
- C. hyperbole
- D. alliteration

30. The tone of Cope's Sonnet VII is generally \_\_\_\_\_

- A. persuasive
- B. humorous
- C. optimistic
- D. mournful

## Questions 31 to 40 are based on General Literary Principles.

31. The large space above the proscenium in a theatre from which the scenes are controlled is called \_\_\_\_\_

- A. aside
- B. setting
- C. anachronism
- D. flies

32. 'Good warriors make others come to them and do not go to others.... When you induce opponents to come to you, then their force is always empty, like attacking emptiness with fullness is throwing on eggs.' **Zhang Yu: The Art of War**.

The theme of the passage above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. folly of soldiers
- B. inspiration
- C. spurring people to action

D. war

33. The repetition of single words or phrases at the beginning of lines is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. assonance
- B. parallelism
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. alliteration

34. A ballad is meant to be \_\_\_\_\_

A. acted

B. sung

C. discussed

D. read

35. In drama, dramaturge is he who \_\_\_\_\_

A. writes or edits plays

- B. feature in a play
- C. directs a play
- D. acts a film

36. Travelogue is a work of art written \_\_\_\_\_

- A. by a famous playwright
- B. before the death of the author
- C. by an unpopular novelist
- D. on a journey

37. Plays are basically meant to

- A. change the world
- B. keep people out of trouble
- C. be ready for pleasure
- D. be presented on stage

38. A character who re-enacts familiar experiences that Leaders easily identify with is \_\_\_\_\_

A. round character

B. flat character

C. stock character

D. static character

39. The plot of a story generally refers to the \_\_\_\_\_

A. intrigue made by a character against the hero

B. way the writer ends the story

C. way in which the events of the story are organised

D. way in which the writer begins the story

40. The metric pattern in a line of poetry with five stressed and five unstressed syllables is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. trochaic decametre
- B. dactylic metre
- C. iambic pentameter
- D. anapaestic metre

Question 41 to 50 are based on literary Appreciation.

41. **Theseus**: Now, fair *Hippolyta, our nuptial hour.* 

Draws on space four happy days bring in. Another moon. But 0, me thinks how slow This old moon wanes, she lingers my desires, Like to a step-dame or a do wager, Long withering out a young man's revenue.

William Shakespeare. A midsummer Night's Dream

The literary devices used in the excerpt above are \_\_\_\_\_

A. personification and smileB. irony and suspenseC. alliteration and synecdocheD. rhyme and refrain

42. 'You are the silent code of pleasure locked in wordless wonder. You are the hive of treasure, no dragon can plunder'

Gbemisola Adeoti: Dream Code.

The excerpt above achieves its rhetorical effect through the use of \_\_\_\_\_

A. repetition and meiosisB. metaphor and rhymeC. caesura and hyperboleD. alliteration and irony

43. It was not yet closing time, but already most staff were trooping out of their offices. The lift was working now and he squeezed himself into it, breathing with difficulty the body odour emitted by one of the passengers. He sighed with relief when they got to the ground floor and tumbled out of the lift.'

### Ken Saro-Wiwa: **A Forest of** Flowers

In the excerpt above, the subject's experience in the lift is

A. timely.

B. comfortable.

C. unpleasant D. amusing

44. 'Do not thank me, instead, let me ask you one question, Now you have all come here sprawling vomiting, rubbing tears on one another begging me to do my duty and help you.

But what about you yourselves? What have you done to help yourselves? Answer. Or is the land at peace? Are not people ailing and dying?'

# OIa Rotimi: The Gods Are Not To Blame

In the excerpt above, the land is not at peace because of \_\_\_\_\_

A. chieftaincy tussleB. famine and warC. political unrestD. sickness and death

45. 'In those days. When civilization kicked us in the face,

when holy water slapped brows. The vultures built in the shadow of their talons.'

David Diop: The Vulture

The dominant literary device used in the lines above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. pun
- B. metaphor
- C. personification
- D. simile

46. I am not afraid of anything; he told them. I have done almost everything in this world. I have committed all crimes you can think of and been jailed for most of them. I have been in prison more hours than I have been out of it within the last five years.

In recounting his criminal life, the speaker's tone is \_\_\_\_\_

A. regretful

- B. boastful
- C. subdued

D. repentant

47. 'I have said too much unto a heart of stone, And laid my honour too unchary on it', There's something in me that reproves my fault, But such a headstrong potent fault it is. That it but mocks reproof.'

William Shakespeare: **Twelfth** Night.

A heart of stone in the lines above is an example of

- A. metonymy
- B. litotes
- C. assonance
- D. metaphor

48. 'Blood was prove no solace to the king. The rejection he had suffered at Idama's hands pushed his spirit into a comfortless hole in which, alone with himself, he searched in vain for ways to run from his inner emptiness.'

Ayi Kwei Armah: Two Thousand Seasons

The narrator's attitude to the king is one of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. envy
- B. sympathy
- C. suspicion
- D. contempt

49. 'Homage to Peregede the triumphant mother of morning radiant in Chameleon's velvet. Let today's dawn bring on its rails trains of good tidings.'

Gbemisola Adeoti: Salutation to the gods

The excerpt above is an example of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. invocation
- B. limerick

C. ode

D. elegy

50. The wood decay, the woods decay and fall, The vapour weep their burthen to the ground, Man comes and fills the field and lies beneath, And after many a summer dies the swan.

The subject matter of the lines above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. death
- B. rainfall
- C. famine
- D. storm

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## JAMB LITERATURE PAST QUESTIONS (PT.2)

1. Which Question Paper Type of Literature-in-English as indicated above is given to you?

- A. Type Green
- B. Type Purple
- C. Type Red
- D. Type Yellow

Question 2 to 5 are based on J.C. De Graft's *Sons and Daughters.* 

2. Who is the paternal aunt to Aaron and Maanan?

- A. Mrs Bonu
- B. Hannah
- C. Fosuwa
- D. Adwao
- 3. From the play, George is a
- A. laboratory assistant
- B. pharmacist
- C. nurse
- D. medical doctor

Use the quotation below to answer questions 1 and 5.

4. *"If you touch me, I shall smash your face with this bottle"* 

The statement is made by \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Manaan to lawyer B
- B. Manaan to Mrs Bonu
- C. James to Awere
- D. Awere to Aaron

5. The issue at stake is that \_\_\_\_\_

A. Maanan is trying to compromise
B. Lawyer B is trying to kiss
Maanan
C. James sees Awere as a bad influence
D. Mrs Bonu is taunting Maanan for loving her husband

*Questions 6 to 10 are based on William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet*  6. "From forth the fatal loins of these two foesA pair of star-crossed lovers take their life..."

The lines above suggest that the tragedy in the play \_\_\_\_\_

A. could have been averted

B. is predestined

C. is brought on enmity

D. brought misfortune on the lovers

7. *O she doth teach the torches to burn bright! It seems she hangs upon the* 

*cheek of night A rich jewel in an Ethiop's ear.*"

From the lines above, Juliet's beauty is presented \_\_\_\_\_

A. in contrast to the dark nightB. as a source of envy to all

C. in terms of riches

D. as being outstanding

8. "The all-seeing sun, Ne'er saw match since first the world begun."

The lines above were spoken by

A. Count Paris in praise of Juliet

B. Romeo in praise of Juliet

C. Romeo in praise of Roseline

D. Lady Capulet in praise of Roseline

9. The major role of Mercutio in the play is to \_\_\_\_\_

A. serve as a contrast to Romeo
B. aid and abet Romeo's passion
C. annoy Tybalt
D. accompany Romeo to Friar
Lawrence

10. The play shares the feature of classical tragedy through the use of \_\_\_\_\_

A. violence on stage

B. chorus

C. comic relief

Questions 11 to 13 are based on Ferdinand Oyono's *The Old Man and the Medal*.

11. "Meka, kneeling down in his usual fashion with his behind up in the air. Kelara knelt down beside him. Amalia and her husband knelt down as well."

The actions of Meka, Kelara, Amalia and her husband signify

- A. parade
- B. dance
- C. prayer
- D. celebration

12. "He had knocked his toes against so many things that he had no toenails anymore and the yaws he had suffered from his youth had twisted his toes up so that they pointed to the sky" The description above is in reference to the foot of \_\_\_\_\_

A. Kelara

- B. Meka
- C. Egamba
- D. Mvondo

13. "They said their prayers in a monotonous sing-song, kneeling on their bamboo bed like camels waiting to be loaded."

The dominant figure of speech in the excerpt above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. rhetorical question
- B. simile
- C. metaphor
- D. mixed metaphor

Questions 14 to 16 are based on Buchi Emecheta' *The joy of Motherhood.* 

14. As a symbol of material success and fulfilment, Ibuzza community places a lot of importance on \_\_\_\_\_

- A. childbirth
- B. wealth
- C. male child
- D. female child

15. Ona on her dying bed appeals to Agbadi to \_\_\_\_\_

A. give her a befitting burial

- B. take good care of her children
- C. take another wife

D. allow Nnu Ego marry a man of her choice

16. The little money Nnaife makes after returning from Fernando PO is used for \_\_\_\_\_

- A. expanding Nnu Ego's business
- B. taking care of his family
- C. sending his children to school
- D. getting more wives

Questions 14 to 16 are based on George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four.

17. The novel is mainly classified as a \_\_\_\_\_

- A. metaphor
- B. hyperbole
- C. satire
- D. fiction

18. Winston writes that the hope of the country lies on the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. ministry of the truth
- B. proles
- C. party
- D. children

19. In the novel, two minutes hate is a programme designed for

- A. parentsB. thought policeC. the community
- D. children

20. To drop his philosophy of life and imbibe the tenets of the party, Winston is subjected to all forms of torture and inhuman treatment by \_\_\_\_\_

# A. O'Brien

- B. thought police
- C. Big Brother
- D. Goldstein

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21. The movement in Adeoti's **Naked Soles** is characterized by

- A. hope and agreement
- B. freedom and self-determination
- C. pricks and tears
- D. disappointed and disarray

22. One of the dominant themesif Rubadin's An AfricanThunderstorm is the \_\_\_\_\_

A. relationship between man and woman

B. activities of man during rainy seasons

C. effect of rain on women and children

D. problem of climate change

23. In Kunene's **A Heritage of Liberation**, the weapons are to be preserved for the generation yet unborn by the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. gods B. elders
- C. people
- D. government

24. Give Me The Minstrel's Seat ends on a clarion call for

- A. freedom
- B. peace
- C. rectitude

#### D. commitment

25. "...the youthful hue/sits on thy skin like a morning dew..."

The excerpt above from Marvell's To His Coy Mistress is an example of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. simile
- B. anaphora
- C. paradox
- D. onomatopoeia

26. In Lawrence's **Bat**, the poet compares bats with \_\_\_\_\_

- A. sparrows
- B. swans
- C. swallows
- D. crows

27. Elliot's *The Journey of the Magi* could be said to examine the issues of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. three trees on the low sky
- B. empty wine-skins
- C. spiritual rebirth

D. holy pilgrimage

28. "We would be believing we dreamt it"

The figure of speech in the line above from Acquah's In the **Navel of the Soul** is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. apostrophe
- B. assonance
- C. antithesis
- D. alliteration

29. The casualties in Launko's **End of the War** were \_\_\_\_\_

- A. women
- B. children
- C. men
- D. soldiers

30. The theme of Cope's Sonnet VII is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. art of poetry
- B. adventure
- C. contempt for literature
- D. isolation

Questions 31 to 40 are based on general Literary Principles.

31. A literary work in which the characters and events are used as symbols is known as \_\_\_\_\_

A. characterization

- B. allegory
- C. metaphor
- D. parallelism

32. Characterization in a novel refers to the \_\_\_\_\_

A. writer's opinion of the characters

B. way the characters are revealed to the reader

C. characters and the way they behave

D. reader's opinion of the characters

33. In literary work, verbal irony refers to a \_\_\_\_\_

A. device in which the speaker means the opposite of what he says

B. situation in which a character
 speaks or acts against the trend
 of events

C. difficult situation which defies a logical or rational resolution

D. device in which the actor on stage means exactly what he says

34. In the theatre, words spoken by a character that are meant to be heard by the audience but not by the other characters on stage is called \_\_\_\_\_

A. aside B. soliloquy C. acoustic D. tone

35. Drama is the representation of a complete series of actions by means of \_\_\_\_\_

A. movement and gesture for the screen and audience

B. speech, movement and gesture for the stage only

C. speech, movement and gesturefor the stage, screen and radioD. speech, gesture and movement

for the screen and radio

36. A poet's use of regular rhythm is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. allegory
- B. assonance
- C. metre
- D. onomatopoeia

37. A literary genre which directly imitates human action is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. drama
- B. comedy
- C. prose
- D. poetry

38. A fable is a story in which

A. allegations are made about characters

B. animals or things are used as characters

- C. there is an important setting
- D. the story is told in poetic form

39. The juxtaposition of two contrasting ideas in a line of poetry is \_\_\_\_\_

A. euphemism

- B. synecdoche
- C. catharsis
- D. oxymoron

40. The main aim of caricature is to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. describe
- B. expose
- C. emphasize
- D. ridicule

# Questions 41 to 50 are based on Literary Appreciation

41. *O! Ceremony, show me but thy worth. What is thy soul of adoration.* 

The figure of speech in the lines above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. antithesis
- B. invocation
- C. personification
- D. apostrophe

42. "What eyes will watch our large mouths, Shaped by the laughter of big children What eyes will watch our large mouths?"

Birage Diop: Vanity

The tone of the lines above is one of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. sarcasm
- B. sacrilege
- C. chiasmus
- D. eulogy

43. The old man slept in his favourite chair The wind ran its fingers through his hair *He looked like a tree gone dry of sap And his hands were dry upon his lap* 

The rhyme a scheme of the poem above is \_\_\_\_\_

A. bbaa

B. aabb

- C. abab
- D. baba

44. Unequal laws unto a savage race,

That board, and sleep, and feed...

The lines above show that the speaker \_\_\_\_\_

A. detects discrimination

- B. is desirous of adventure
- C. hates his old wife
- D. knows much of his city men

45. ...How can I look at Oyo and say I hate long shiny cars? How can I come to the children and despise international schools? And

Wole Soyinka: Night Koomson comes, and the family sees Jesus Christ in him.... The dominant mood in the lines The feeling conveyed by the above is one of \_\_\_\_\_ speaker above is one of A. apprehension B. defiance A. anger B. alienation C. joy C. hope D. indifference D. despair 48. "The drums overwhelmed the 46. "Hide me now, when night guns..." children haunt the earth" J.P Clark: Casualties Wole Soyinka: **Night** The poet in the excerpt above uses \_\_\_\_\_ Night children in the stanza above reflects the consciousness of A. litotes B. symbolism A. birds C. onomatopoeia D. alliteration B. armed robbers C. animals 49. '... They do not see the funeral D. spirit beings piles 47. "Serrated shadows, through At home eating up the forests...' dark leaves, Til, bathed in warm suffusion of your dapped cells J.P. Clark: Casualties Sensation pained me, faceless, silent as night thieves."

The imagery created in the above excerpt is achieved through

- A. metaphor
- B. personification
- C. synecdoche
- D. metonym

50. "I cannot rest from travel: I will drink Life to the lees, all times I have enjoyed Greatly, have suffered greatly"

A.L. Tennyson: Ulysses

The lines above inform the reader that the poet \_\_\_\_\_

- A. is determined to suffer
- B. has his poetic imagination kindled
- C. will cure his sour mood
- D. will not drink much

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## **JAMB LITERATURE PAST QUESTIONS (PT.3)**

1. Which Question Paper Type of Literature-in-English is given to you?

- A. Type B
- B. Type I
- C. Type B
- D. Type U

Questions 2 to 5 are based on J.C. De Graft's Sons and Daughters.

Use the excerpt below to answer questions 2 and 3.

**James:** Let me swear, woman. And I will swear by my father's coffin that if...

2. The lines depict James as a

- A. traditionalist
- B. Christian
- C. pagan
- D. Muslim

3. The speaker is referring to

- A. Fosuwa
- B. Awere
- C. Maanan
- D. Hannah

4. *Aaron'...All I need really is a place in an Art school, engineering can go hang itself.* 

The dominant figure of speech in the excerpt above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. metonymy
- B. synecdoche
- C. personification
- D. metaphor

5. From the play, the character of Aaron represents the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. painters
- B. art work
- C. new generation
- D. old generation

6.	'Uncle,	this	is	а	Montague,	our
foe	e;					

A villain that is hither come in spite,

To scorn at our solemnity this night.'

The villain in the excerpt above is

A. attempting to stealB. attending a feast uninvitedC. engaging in a shouting matchD. holding a sword to commit murder

7. "What, drawn and talk of peace?

I hate the word As I hate hell, all Montagues, and thee

Have at thee, coward!"

Based on William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, the lines above reveal the speaker as a \_\_\_\_\_

- A. violence seeker
- B. peace maker

C. real Montague

D. trouble shooter

8. Romeo's mood, at the beginning of the play can be described as \_\_\_\_\_

A. melancholic and sentimental

- B. dreamy and hopeful
- C. frustrated and pensive
- D. gay and elated

9. "O' deadly sin! O rude unthankfulness! Thy fault our law calls death, but the kind Prince, taking thy part, hath rushed aside the law, And turned that black word "death" to banishment."

The	speaker	in	the	passage	above
is					

A. Lord Montague

- B. Friar Lawrence
- C. Apothecary
- D. Lord Capulet

10. "...Put up thy sword Or manage it to part these men with me."

The speech above was made when \_\_\_\_\_

A. Tybalt challenges Romeo to duel

B. Prince Escalus arrives to make peace between the families

C. Romeo and Paris engaged themselves in a fight

D. Benvolio tries to separate the servants of the feuding families

Questions 11 to 13 are based on Ferdinand Oyono's the Old Man and the Medal

11. For his sacrifices to the church, Meka gets \_\_\_\_\_

A. appointed into the church elders' council

B. the privilegde to choose a permanent place to sit

C. a place near an aged leper

D. a land to build a new house

12. "Since I came to this country, I have never seen cocoa as well dried as yours."

The speaker above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Nkolo
- B. the Commandant
- C. the Catechist
- D. Nua

13. To the white men, the medal that is given symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_

- A. harmonious relationship
- B. love
- C. peace
- D. friendship

Questions 14 to 16 are based on Buchi Emecheta's The Joy of Motherhood.

14. Nnu Ego is blamed for the misfortunes of her \_\_\_\_\_

- A. parents
- B. husband
- C. siblings

#### D. children

15. According to the novel Nnaife becomes frustrated when \_\_\_\_\_

A. Oshiaju secures a scholarship to study abroad

B. he is arrested and charged for attempted murder of his in-law

C. his wife gives birth to female twins

D. he is recruited into the army

16. Adaku remains faithful to Nnaife until she \_\_\_\_\_

A. starts keeping unnecesary friends

B. is unable to give birth to a male child

C. is rebuked by the Ibuza society for abusing Nnu Ego

D. becomes rich and powerful

Questions 17 to 20 are based on George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-four 17. The Ministry of Love is concerned with \_\_\_\_\_

A. peace and freedom

B. torture and pain

C. joy and peace

D. hatred and pain

18. The instruments of power and torture belong to \_\_\_\_\_

A. the government

- B. the party
- C. the thought police
- D. individuals

19. The action in the novel is built around \_\_\_\_\_

A. Winston Smith

- B. O'Brien
- C. Julia
- D. Big Brother

20. Winston Smith works in the Record Department of the Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_

A. love

- B. truth
- C. peace
- D. plenty

Questions 21 and 30 are based selected on poems from Johnson, R. et al (eds.): New Poetry from Africa; Soyinka, W. (ed.): Poems of Black Africa; Senanu, K.E. and Vincent, T. (eds): A Selection of African Poetry; Umukoro M. et al: Exam Focus: Literature in English; Eruvbetine, A.E. et al (eds.): Longman **Examination Guides:** Poetrv for Senior Secondary Schools NWOGA, D.I. (ed.) West **African Verse** 

21. The dominant poetic technique employed in Adeoti'sNaked Soles is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. zeugma
- B. oxymoron
- C. hyperbole
- D. onomatopoeia

22. Rubadiri's **An African Thunderstorm** can be described
as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. didactic
- B. dramatic
- C. traditional
- D. satirical

23. "Since it was you who in all these thin seasons."

The device employed in the line above from Kunene's **The Heritage of Liberation**, is an example of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. apostrophe
- B. allusion
- C. anecdote
- D. aside

24. "Let me ask for what reason or rhyme women refuse to marry? Woman cannot exist except by man, what is there in that to vex some of them so? The lines above from **Give Me The Minstrel's Seat** is an
example of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. pathetic fallacy
- B. chiasmus
- C. ironical statement
- D. rhetorical question

25. 'Time winged chariot'

The line above from Marvell's **To His Coy Mistress** depicts \_\_\_\_\_

- A. how fast time flies
- B. the usefulness of time
- C. the measurement of time
- D. how fast events unfold

26. Lawrence's **Bat** opens with the description of the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. scene
- B. creatures
- C. bats
- D. scenery

27. The theme of Eliot's **The**Journey of Magi is \_\_\_\_\_

A. quest for salvation

B. escape from persecution

- C. nature
- D. journey

28. Acquah's **In The Navel of the Soul** describes the \_\_\_\_\_

A. lack of experienced midwives in the society
B. excesses of the new generation churches and politicians
C. complications of motherhood and child bearing
D. conflict between the church and tradition

29. "Listen...they will tell you...to beat drums is mere children's play, the adult's is to start echoes..."

The lines above from Launkos' **End of the War**, enhance the

- A. rhyme of the poem
- B. rhythm of the poem
- C. language of the poem

D. use of imagery

30. The language OF Cope's Sonnet VII past event in a literary work is \_\_\_\_\_

A. complicated

- B. simple
- C. poetic complicated
- D. difficult

## Question 31 to 40 are based on General literacy Principles

31. A device used by a writer to recall past event in a literary work is \_\_\_\_\_

A. interlude

B. anti-climax

C. flashback

D. foreshadowing

32. A paragraph in prose is equivalent to a \_\_\_\_\_

A. trope in poetry

B. verse in poetry

C. stanza in poetry

D. meter in poetry

33. A fable is a brief narrative illustrating wisdom and \_\_\_\_\_

A. urgency

- B. origin
- C. custom
- D. truth

34. A device used in poetry to achieve emphasis or stress a point is known as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. rhyme
- B. assonance
- C. repetition
- D. alliteration

35. A literary work that ridicules the shortcomings of people or ideas is \_\_\_\_\_

A. a masqueB. a satireC. an ironyD. a fable

36. The figure of speech in which the writer means the exact opposite of what he intends to say is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. satire
- B. irony
- C. paradox
- D. metaphor

37. Action without speech in a play is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. soliloquy
- B. aside
- C. epilogue
- D. mime

38. A literary work that teaches moral is said to be \_\_\_\_\_

- A. impressive
- B. didactic
- C. instructive
- D. corrective

39. A mistake committed by the hero which leads to his downfall is known as \_\_\_\_\_

A. comic relief

- B. terse
- C. climax
- D. tragic flaw

40. The speech made by a character to himself on stage is

- A. monologue
- B. epilogue
- C. aside
- D. soliloquy

# Question is based on Literary Appreciation.

41. "Women as a clam, on the sea's crescent
I saw your jealous eye quench the sea's
Fluorescence, dance on the pulse incessant.

Wole Soyinka: Night

The lines above suggest that women are \_\_\_\_\_

A. magicians

B. covetous

C. dogmatic

D. seers

Use the quotation below to answer question 42 and 43.

"Busy old fool Unruly sun Why dost thou thus Through windows And through curtains Call on us?"

J. Donne: The Sun Rising

42. The excerpts above suggests

- A. praise of nature
- B. invitation to the sun
- C. welcoming the sun
- D. indictment of the sun

43. The figure of speech involved in the lines above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. simile
- B. personification

C. epigram

D. pun

Use the quotation below to answer questions 44 and 45.

Will no one tell me what she sings perhaps the plaintive numbers flow for old, unhappy, far off things And battles long ago. Or is it some more humble lay, Familiar matter of today?

44. The lines above show that the persona \_\_\_\_\_

A. does not understand the girl's language

- B. is so much in love with the girl
- C. so hates the words of the girl
- D. understands the girl's songs

45. The line end in a literary device known as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. transferred epithet
- B. rhetorical question
- C. Irony
- D. conceit

46. Oh incomprehensible God! Shall my pilot be My inborn stars to that Final call to thee...

The literary device used in the first line is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. passion
- B. apostrophe
- C. burlesque
- D. rhetoric

47. "Busy old fool, unruly sun, Why dost thou thus."

J. Donne: The Sun Rising

From the lines above, the poet sees the sun as \_\_\_\_\_

A. a necessary evil

- B. a light provider
- C. illumination after darkness
- D. an unnecessary evil

Use the quotation below to answer questions 48 and 49.

The body perishes, the heart stays young. The platter wears away with serving food. No log retains its bark when old, No lover peaceful while the rival weeps.

48. The theme of the poem above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. permanence of love
- B. decaying nature of wood
- C. non-peaceful nature of love
- D. diminishing nature of love

49. "*No lover peaceful while the rival weeps*" means that \_\_\_\_\_

A. there is true and permanent love

B. the two lovers weep togetherC. the pain of one lover is felt bythe other

D. there is no permanent love

50. "Will college make you a better Olokun priest?

Will it make you serve our ancestors better? Look at me. An able-bodied, strong-hearted priest of Olokun. Did I go to college?"

Grace Osifo: Dizzy Angel

The literary device used in the passage above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. simile
- B. parallelism
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. metaphor

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# JAMB LITERATURE PAST QUESTIONS (PT.4)

1. Which Question Paper Type of Literature-in-English is given to you?

- A. Type F
- B. Type S
- C. Type L
- D. Type S

# Questions 2 to 5 are based on Femi Osofisan's *Women of Owu*

2. In the play, the gods are portrayed as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. helpless
- B. architects of man's destiny
- C. amorous
- D. saviours of mankind

Orisaye describes Balogun
 Kusa as \_\_\_\_\_

- A. a great warrior
- B. an enemy and a butcher
- C. a friend in need
- D. a good leader

4. Erelu is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. the oldest wife of the Oba Akinjobi
- B. a courtier to the Alaafin of Oyo
- C. the most brilliant woman in Owu
- D. the first wife of the Oba
- 5. Balogun Kusa is killed by a
- A. god
- B. herbalist
- C. lunatic
- D. soldier

Questions 6 to 10 are based on William Shakespeare's The Tempest.

6. In the play, Ariel is identified as

- A. leader of the spirits
- B. Prospero's daughter
- C. Alonso's wife
- D assistant to Sycorax

7. Before the shipwreck that occurs at the beginning of the play, Prospero and his daughter have lived in the Island for \_\_\_\_\_

A. two decades

- B. twelve years
- C. forty days
- D. eighteen months

8. Caliban's intention to rape Miranda is born out of the desire to \_\_\_\_\_

A. destroy the Island

B. compete with Ferdinand

C. populate the Island with Calibans

D. marry her

9. The character associated with savagery in the play is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Ariel
- B. Stephano
- C. Caliban
- D. Ferdinand

10. Prospero is portrayed as a man who is \_\_\_\_\_

A. full of mistrust for everybodyB. more interested in studyingthan in governanceC. dependent on the spirits for hissurvival

D. eager to conquer the world

# Questions 11 to 13 are based on Asare Konadu's A Woman in Her Prime.

11. The novel explores the theme of \_\_\_\_\_

A. exploitation of the African woman

B. sex discrimination in Ghana

C. women liberation in Nigeria

D. child quest of an African woman

12. According to the novel, the worst calamity that can befall a woman is \_\_\_\_\_

A. inability to bear male

B. inability to marry

C. divorce children

D. barrenness

13. In the novel, Asogo is a game in which \_\_\_\_\_

A. fathers narrate animal storiesB. boys abuse girls with music

C. girls sing songs of praise admonition

D. mothers lure their babies to sleep

#### Questions 14 to 16 are based on Chimamanda Adiechie's Purple Hibiscus

14. In the novel, one of the changes introduced into St.Agnes' church by Father is that

A. there must be fasting every month

B. the Credo must be recited in Igbo

C. the Kyrie must be rendered only in Latin

D. everyone must take Holy Communion

15. Eugene Achike in the novel is portrayed as \_\_\_\_\_

A. a soft and gentle husbandB. an uncompromisingtraditionalist

C. a fanatical Catholic adherent

D. a tough retired soldier

16. In the Achike family, the character who is central to the theme is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Kambili
- B. Mama
- C. Sisi
- D. Jaja

Questions 17 to 20 are based on Ernest Hemingway's The Old Man and the Sea.

17. In the novel, the type of fish caught by Santiago after days of effort is \_\_\_\_\_

A. shark

B. iris

C. marlin

D. geisha

18. The novel demonstrates the

A. attempt to catch fish
B. desire to understand life
C. influence of the sea on man
D. struggle of man against-defeat
19. In the novel, the attitude of the old man toward nature is

quite \_\_\_\_\_

A. cautious and sceptical

B. hostile and callous

C. careless and indifferent

D. warm and friendly

20. Santiago's second dream occurs \_\_\_\_\_

A. the night before his fishing expedition

B. in his house

C. at the end of the book

D. when he sleeps on the boat for a few hours

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21. The dominant image in Adeoti's Hard Lines is \_\_\_\_\_

A. auditory

B. gustatory

C. visual

D. tactile

22. The tone of Umeh's Ambassadors of Poverty can be described as \_\_\_\_\_

A. metaphorical

B. sarcastic

C. admonitory

D. panegyrical

23. Owonibi's Homeless, not Hopeless, the persona explains that street beggars \_\_\_\_\_

A. always worry about heaven

B. rarely sleep and dream

C. attend conferences in towns

D. are concerned with their daily needs.

24. Cheney-Coker's Myopia is a

A. dirge

B. lament

C. sonnet

D. ballad

25. Jared Angira is an African poet from \_\_\_\_\_

A. Sierra-Leone

B. Kenya

C. South Africa

D. Ghana

26. The dominant technique used in Serenade is \_\_\_\_\_

A. metaphor

B. simile

C. oxymoron

D. apostrophe

27. The sun in Donne's **The Sun Rising** is depicted through the use of \_\_\_\_\_

A. invocation

B. ellipsis

C. enjambment

D. apostrophe

28. In Raleigh's The Soul'sErrand, the soul is portrayed as a

A. friend of suffering masses

- B. fearless message-bearer
- C. restorer of lost glory
- D. messenger of hope and peace

29. The allusion in Hughes's **The Negro Speaks of Rivers** is mainly \_\_\_\_\_

- A. biblical
- B. historical
- C. classical
- D. literary

30. Fletcher's *Upon An Honest Man's Fortune* encourages
people to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. condemn soothsayingB. move in the direction of GodC. accept soothsaying
- D. accept life as it is

#### Questions 31 to 40 are based on General Literary Principles

31. An action in a play that stimulates the audience to pity a character is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. pathos
- B. parody
- C. pyrrhic
- D. props

32. Purgation of emotion, pity and fear is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. epilogue
- B. exposition
- C. catharsis
- D. catastrophe

33. A device in drama where a character speaks alone is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. apostrophe
- B. dialogue
- C. soliloquy
- D. aside

34. A plot in a literary work is about \_\_\_\_\_

- A. resolution of conflicts
- B. law of poetic justice
- C. character delineation
- D. causal arrangement of events

35. Tone and mood of a poem refer to \_\_\_\_\_

A. setting B. space C. locale D. atmosphere

36. A funny incident within a serious situation is \_\_\_\_\_

A. tragicomedy

B. tragic hero

C. comedy

D. comic relief

37. In literature, a flat character can be described as one who

- A. dies abruptly
- B. achieves greatness
- C. is undeveloped
- D. undergoes changes

38. Dramatis personae in a play refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. cast list
- B. protagonist and antagonist
- C. list of characters
- D. order of appearance

39. The speech made at the end of a dramatic performance is generally called \_\_\_\_\_

A. a dirge B. a monologue C. a prologue D. an epilogue

40. Which of the following is central to narrative fiction?

- A. Objectivity
- B. Subjectivity
- C. Verisimilitude
- D. Dialogue

# Questions 41 to 50 are based on Literary Appreciation.

41. He put himself in uniform, made one for his five year-old son, and marched with the infant from dawn till noon every market day, on the main road singing `Kayiwawa beturi...

The persona in the excerpt above is portrayed as \_\_\_\_\_

A. energetic

B. a policeman

C. a soldier

D. abnormal

42. He is a faithful liar.

The above is an example of \_\_\_\_\_

A. epigram

B. oxymoron

C. euphemism

D. antithesis

43. Fights by the book of arithmetic

The figure of speech in the line above is \_\_\_\_\_

A. hyperbole

B. Euphemism

C. Litotes

D. Innuendo

44. And when you trudge on one horny pads Gullied like the soles of modern shoes *Pads that even jiggers cannot conquer* 

Horny pads in the lines above is a reference to a \_\_\_\_\_

A. policemanB. madmanC. sole of a pauperD. sole of a soldier

45. 'Lift not the painted veil which those who live call life: though unreal shapes be picture there, And it but mimic all we would believe With colours idly spread-behind, lurk fear.'

P.B Shelley: Sonnet

The stanza above is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_

A. quatrain

- B. sonnet
- C. couplet
- D. sestet

Use the following excerpt to answer questions 46 to 48.

'I wonder how long, you awful parasites, shall share with me this little bed, And awake me, from my sweet dreams be lost, sucking blood from my poor head...'

By Mbure: **To a Bed-Bug** 

46. The lines are an example of a

- A. limerick
- B. lampoon
- C. light verse
- D. light opera

47. The poet persona expresses dismay about \_\_\_\_\_

- A. bat
- B. cockroaches
- C. grasshoppers
- D. light opera

48. The most dominant figure of speech in the excerpt is \_\_\_\_\_

A. metaphor

B. simile

C. personification

D. hyperbole

49. You Your head is like a drum that is beaten for spirits. You Your ears are like the fans used

for blowing fire.

The lines above are a good example of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. caricature
- B. ridicule
- C. satire
- D. lampoon

**50.** 'This thing you are doing is too heavy for you, he said. I went to school only a little but I have killed many many more years in this world than you have'.

G. Okara: The voice

It can be inferred from the passage above that the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. listener is wise
- B. speaker is a porter
- C. listener is more experienced
- D. speaker is more experienced

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#### **JAMB LITERATURE PAST QUESTIONS (PT.5)**

1. 'Busy old fool, unruly sun why windows and through curtains call on us?'

The most vivid figure of speech in the lines above from Donne's *The Sun Rising* is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. simile
- B. diction
- C. personification
- D. pun

2. The allusion in *Hughes's The Negro Speaks of Rivers* is mainly

- A. biblical
- B. classical
- C. literary
- D. historical

3. In Adeoti's *Hard Lines, Sodium cyanide* is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. poisonous
- B. adhesive
- C. sweet

D. fragrant

4. In Owonibi's *Homeless, not Hopeless* the persona explains that street beggars \_\_\_\_\_

A. Always worry about in heaven

B. Attend conferences towns

C. are concerned with their daily needs

D. Rarely sleep and dream

5. The poet persona in Serenade is a \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Suitor
- B. Mother
- C. spinster
- D. Passer-by

6. In Cheney-Coker's Myopia, peasants refer to \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Under-privileged masses
- **B.** Politicians
- C. farmers
- D. Rural dwellers

7. In Angira's *Expelled*, the poet persona laments the \_\_\_\_\_

A. Loss of his propertyB. Harrowing experiences from the stranger's visitC. presence of the strangersD. Problem of his family and their economic implications

8. Fletcher's Upon An Honest Man's Fortune achieves its lyrical effect through the use of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Synecdoche
- B. Antithesis
- C. enjambment
- D. Ballad

9. Rhythm is achieved in Raleigh's *The Soul's Errand* through the use of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Metaphor
- B. Alliteration
- C. repetition
- D. Antithesis

10. The title of Umeh's *Ambassador of Poverty* is \_\_\_\_\_

A. Repetition

- B. A simile
- C. an alliteration
- D. An irony

11. The repetition of a consonant sound in quick succession for sound effect is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Alliteration
- B. Pun
- C. onomatopoeia
- D. Assonance

12. A play in which the acts succeed one another without probable or necessary sequence is

- A. Episodic
- B. Simple
- C. linear
- D. Convoluted

13. A technique by which a previous scene or action can be

recalled in a play to shed light on the present action is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Climax
- B. Flashback
- C. interlude
- D. Catharsis

14. Criticism is a literary activity which seeks to \_\_\_\_\_

A. Find faults in a literary workB. Analyse and evaluate a literarywork

C. compare and contrast novels

D. Discover the beauty of a literary work

15. A situation where an actor addresses the audience without the other actors hearing him is called \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Soliloquy
- B. Chorus
- C. aside
- D. Solo

16. A band of singers and dancers in drama who act as a link between the play and the audience is the \_\_\_\_\_

A. Chorus

- B. Clown
- C. Playwright
- D. Cast

17. A character whose name is used as the title of the text is

- A. Antagonist
- B. Round
- C. eponymous
- D. Flat

18. In poetry, the term license implies \_\_\_\_\_

A. Freedom to sell poemsB. Liberty the poets take with languageC. approval given to poets to

compose poems

D. Honour given to deserving poets

19. The person who takes the leading role in a play or novel is the \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Protagonist
- B. Actor
- C. antagonist
- D. Actress

20. A form of writing in which the poet write with nostalgia about simple village life is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Ballad
- B. Romance
- C. epic
- D. pastoral

'We all make decisions.
 Sometimes it is wrong,
 sometimes it is right.'

The speaker in the lines above is

- A. Afraid
- B. Excited
- C. pessimistic
- D. Reassuring

22. 'Her neck is rope-like thin, long and skinny and her face sickly pale.'

Okotp' Bitek: Song of Lawino.

The style used in the lines is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Narrative
- B. Argumentative
- C. dramatic
- D. Descriptive

23.'Once upon a time son, they used to laugh with their eyes; but now they only laugh with their teeth, while their ice-block-cold eyes search behind my shadow'

G. Okara: Once upon a time

The lines above are expressive of

A. FriendlinessB. Insincerity

- C. jealousy
- D. Sympathy

24.'when she opens her heart the savior's image!'

Traditional: Love Song.

The allusion in the lines above shows \_\_\_\_\_

A. That the poet is a ChristianB. That his love had a heart surgery

C. the climax of love relationship D the anti-climax of love

relationship

25. 'Ay, your times were fine times indeed you have been telling us of them for many a long year.

Here we live in an old rumbling mansion, that looks for all the world like an inn, but we never see company.'

Goldsmith: She Stoops to Conquer.

The figure of speech in the world like an inn is \_\_\_\_\_

A. Irony

B. Euphemism

- C. simile
- D. Metaphor

26. 'She gave out kolanuts and together they ate to appease the angry earth and Amadioha spoke through lightning and thunder.'

The figure of speech in the third line above is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Personification
- B. Simile
- C. hyperbole
- D. Metaphor

27. 'Ay, your times were fine times indeed you have been telling us of them for many a long year.

Here we live in an old rumbling mansion, that looks for all the world like an inn, but we never see company.'

Goldsmith: She Stoops to Conquer.

The figure of speech in the world like an inn is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. hopeful
- B. frustrated
- C. regretful
- D. Happy

28. 'Her neck is rope-like thin, long and skinny and her face sickly pale.'

Okot p' Bitek: **Song of Lawino.** 

The style used in the lines is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Ridicule
- B. admonition
- C. anger
- D. sympathy

29. 'Ah. sunflower, weary of time who contests the steps of the sun seeking after that sweet golden clime where the travellers' Journey is done.

The figure of speech in the second line above is \_\_\_\_\_

A. Simile

- B. metaphor
- C. irony
- D. Hyperbole

30. 'There is no art to find the minds construction on the face he was a gentleman on whom I built an absolute trust.'

#### Shakespeare: Macbeth

The gentleman in the lines above

- A. Annoys the speaker
- B. fights with the speaker
- C. detests the speaker
- D. Betrays the speaker

31. The flourishing fish market in the novel is located in \_\_\_\_\_

- A. St. Louis
- B. Canary Island
- C. Cleveland
- D. Havana

32. In summary, the old man can be described as \_\_\_\_\_

A. A Marxist

- B. an idealist
- C. an optimist
- D. A realist

33. As he struggled with fish and the sharks, the old man constantly talks to himself because \_\_\_\_\_

A. He is afraid of the seaB. that is what all fishermen doC. it will make the sharks leaveD. The boy has left him

34. To the old man, mandolin is

A. A symbol of oppressionB. the cause of the ill-luckC. a source of encouragementD. Typical of lazy youths

35. The subject matter of the novel is \_\_\_\_\_

A. Domestic violence

- B. religious zeal
- C. child abuse
- D. Marital infidelity

36. In the Achike family, the character who is central to the theme is \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Kambili
- B. mama
- C. sisi
- D. Jaja

37. The novel exposes \_\_\_\_\_

A. Military dictatorshipB. the travails of a single girlC. what happens in a family witha highhanded fatherD. The problem of running a largefamily in an urban society

38. 'A priest rushed forward and poured libation,... Having thus appealed to the keeper of the spirit world, they waited for results. Moments passed before the bearers could move again.' The incident is the \_\_\_\_\_

A. Sacrifice to make pokuwaa pregnant

B. burial of Yaw Boakye

C. search for Yaw Boakye

D. Search for the missing black hen

39. According to the medicine man, pokuwaa has miscarriage because \_\_\_\_\_

A. Kwadwo often beats her
B. she is barren from birth
C. her mother does not offer thanksgiving sacrifice

D. Kwaswo's mother is a powerful witch

40. 'A priest rushed forward and poured libation... Having thus appealed to the keeper of the spirit world, they waited for results. Moments passed before the bearers could move again.'

The incident narrated above takes place \_\_\_\_\_

A. On the way to the stream

B. at the market place

C. close to the cemetery

D. At the village square

41. The central theme of the play is \_\_\_\_\_

A. Man and nature

B. heaven and earth

C. sin and forgiveness

D. Slow and steady

42. In the play, Prospero leaves his Dukedom of Milan to devote his time to the pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Magic B. knowledge C. romance
- D. Recreation

43. Prospero's sense of justice is one sided because \_\_\_\_\_

A. While he is angry with Antonio,he enslaves Ariel and CalibanB. he wants his back, so he canrule again

C. he sees his usurpation from one side D. He is unfair to Miranda	A. Is destructive B. is injurious to the gods C. builds human society
	D. Must be fought with patriotic
44. An idea that recurs in the play	zeal
is	
	48. Orisaye insists that she
A. People's love for power	receives revelations from
B. people's love for money	
C. development of the Island	A. Sango
D. Love at first sight	B. Ogun
	C. Orunmila
45. Gonzalo in the play is	D. Obatala
A. Antonio's brother	49. In the play, a General of the
B. a Milan Senator	Allied Forces is
C. a Neapolitan Councillor	
D. Sebastian's co-conspirator	A. Okunade
	B. Erelu
46. In the play, the gods are	C. Akinjobi
portrayed as	D. Anlugbus
A Cavia una of reception	
A. Saviours of mankind	50. In the play, Oba
B. architects of man's destiny	Asunkungbade is the
C. helpless	
D. Amorous	A. War leader of Ijebu
	B. Ooni of lfe
47. In the play, Osofisan shows	C. Monarch of Oyo
that war	D. Founder of Owu-Ipole

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