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英美文学选读试题

课程代码:00604

请考生按规定用笔将所有试题的答案涂、写在答题纸上。

选择题部分

注意事项:

1. 答题前,考生务必将自己的考试课程名称、姓名、准考证号用黑色字迹的签字笔或钢笔填写在答题纸规定的位置上。

2. 每小题选出答案后,用 2B 铅笔把答题纸上对应题目的答案标号涂黑。如需改动,用橡皮擦干净后,再选涂其他答案标号。不能答在试题卷上。

一、单项选择题:本大题共 40 小题,每小题 1 分,共 40 分。在每小题列出的备选项中只有一项是最符合题目要求的,请将其选出。

Multiple Choice (40 points in all, 1 for each)

Select from the four choices of each item the one that best answers the question or completes the statement.

1. Shakespeare's playwright *The Tempest* resorts to the _____ atmosphere and to the dreams to solve the conflict.
A. supernatural
B. natural
C. beautiful
D. realistic
2. The Renaissance first started in _____, with the flowering of painting, sculpture and literature.
A. Italy
B. Paris
C. London
D. Rome
3. John Milton wrote _____ to expose the ways of Satan and to "justify the ways of God to man."
A. *Paradise Regained*
B. *Paradise Lost*
C. *Samson Agonistes*
D. *Areopagitica*

4. *Lycidas* is a typical work of John Milton written for _____.
 A. his parents
 B. his sister
 C. his fellow undergraduate
 D. his teacher
5. The best part of the novel *Robinson Crusoe* is the realistic account of the successful struggle of Robinson against _____.
 A. hunger
 B. loneliness
 C. nature
 D. fear
6. The following works are all written by Jonathan Swift **EXCEPT** _____.
 A. *A Tale of a Tub*
 B. *The Battle of the Books*
 C. *A Modest Proposal*
 D. *Moll Flanders*
7. Henry Fielding has been regarded by some as “Father of the English Novel,” for his contribution to the establishment of the _____ of the modern novel.
 A. form
 B. style
 C. language
 D. structure
8. In _____, Percy Shelley created a Platonic symbol of the spirit of man, a force of beauty and regeneration.
 A. *The Cloud*
 B. *Songs of Experience*
 C. *Poetical Sketches*
 D. *Lyrical Ballads*
9. The work *Songs of Innocence* is written by _____.
 A. William Blake
 B. William Wordsworth
 C. Jane Austen
 D. William Shakespeare
10. Jane Austen’s practical idealism is that love should be justified by reason and disciplined by _____.
 A. self-control
 B. self-respect
 C. rationality
 D. sensibility
11. Many critics regard _____ as one of the greatest of all English poets. They point especially to his lyrics.
 A. John Milton
 B. Walt Whitman
 C. Emily Dickinson
 D. Percy Shelley
12. William Wordsworth is regarded as a “worshipper of _____.”
 A. freedom
 B. nature
 C. poetry
 D. independence

13. Percy Shelley's greatest achievement is his four-act poetic drama, _____.
 A. *Prometheus Unbound* B. *Ode to the West Wind*
 C. *Adonais* D. *In Defense of Poetry*
14. *David Copperfield* is regarded as the semi-autobiography of _____, in which the early life of the hero is largely based on the author's early life.
 A. Mark Twain B. Charles Dickens
 C. Thomas Hardy D. D.H. Lawrence
15. Charles Dickens' works are characterized by a mingling of _____ and pathos.
 A. humor B. satire
 C. passion D. metaphor
16. As far as Emily Brontë's literary creation is concerned, she is, first of all, a _____.
 A. proser B. novelist
 C. poet D. dramatist
17. In 1842, Charlotte Brontë and her sister went to _____ to improve their foreign language to open up a school.
 A. Paris B. Berlin
 C. Brussels D. London
18. All of the following works are known as Thomas Hardy's "novels of character and environment" EXCEPT _____.
 A. *Our Mutual Friend* B. *The Return of the Native*
 C. *Jude and Obscure* D. *The Trumpet Major*
19. In *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, _____ forces Tess to claim kinship with the sham but rich d'Urbervilles.
 A. the poverty of the family B. innocence of the girl
 C. the cruel society D. the hypocritical morality
20. T. S. Eliot regarded _____ as the best medium of poetry. He wrote several verse plays and made a considerable success.
 A. form B. language
 C. drama D. structure
21. As a realistic dramatist, _____ took the modern social issues as his subjects with the aim of directing social reforms.
 A. Charles Dickens B. Nathaniel Hawthorne
 C. Bernard Shaw D. Mark Twain

22. *The Doctor's Dilemma* is written by _____.
 A. D. H. Lawrence
 B. T. S. Eliot
 C. Bernard Shaw
 D. Thomas Hardy
23. The more important poems by T. S. Eliot are dominated by the dark horror of an earthly hell **EXCEPT** _____.
 A. *Gerontion*
 B. *Prufrock*
 C. *The Hollow Men*
 D. *Murder in the Cathedral*
24. D. H. Lawrence employs _____ and complex narrative richly in *The Rainbow*.
 A. realism
 B. symbolism
 C. criticism
 D. romanticism
25. D. H. Lawrence was recognized as a prominent novelist only after publishing his third novel, _____.
 A. *Aaron's Rod*
 B. *Women in Love*
 C. *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*
 D. *Sons and Lovers*
26. As an important prose writer, _____ put great emphasis on the importance of tradition both in creative writing and in criticism in his essay *Tradition and Individual Talent*.
 A. John Milton
 B. Henry Fielding
 C. Charles Dickens
 D. T. S. Eliot
27. Nathaniel Hawthorne focuses his attention on the moral, emotional, and _____ effects of the sin on the people in general and those main characters in *The Scarlet Letter*.
 A. political
 B. cultural
 C. religious
 D. psychological
28. For the death of President Lincoln, _____ wrote down many poems to air his sorrow, one of which is "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd."
 A. Emily Dickinson
 B. Walt Whitman
 C. Henry James
 D. Mark Twain
29. Most of Herman Melville's novels are about sea adventure stories **EXCEPT** _____.
 A. *Typee*
 B. *Omoo*
 C. *Mardi*
 D. *The Blithedale Romance*
30. The raft with which Huck and Jim make their voyage down the Mississippi River may symbolize _____.
 A. American society
 B. hatred for American corruption
 C. a return to nature
 D. a world where people can live happily

31. It is Henry James' literary essays and _____ that make him a fascinating case in the American literary history and a conspicuous figure in the world literature.
- A. novels
B. travel accounts
C. poems
D. plays
32. Emily Dickinson wrote more than _____ poems about nature, in which her general skepticism about the relationship between man and nature is well-expressed.
- A. 500
B. 600
C. 700
D. 800
33. The book *An American Tragedy* is written by _____.
- A. Herman Melville
B. Scott Fitzgerald
C. Henry James
D. Theodore Dreiser
34. In 1912 in England his first book, *A Boy's Will*, brought _____ to the attention of influential critics.
- A. Robert Frost
B. T.S. Eliot
C. Walt Whitman
D. Mark Twain
35. The poet _____ was awarded Pulitzer Prize the first because of *New Hampshire*.
- A. Walt Whitman
B. Robert Frost
C. Emily Dickinson
D. Jane Austen
36. Scott Fitzgerald's short-story collections won him popularity, and one of them is _____.
- A. *Tales of the Jazz*
B. *Light in August*
C. *Tender is the Night*
D. *The Last Tycoon*
37. The author _____ said, "The dignity of movement of an iceberg is due to only one-eighth of it being above water."
- A. Mark Twain
B. Theodore Dreiser
C. William Faulkner
D. Ernest Hemingway
38. Scott Fitzgerald's fictional world is the embodiment of the spirit of the Jazz Age, in which he shows a particular interest in _____.
- A. the working-class people
B. the upper-class society
C. the exiles in Paris
D. intellectuals and artists
39. Ernest Hemingway's novel _____ describes the drifting life of American exiles in Europe.
- A. *The Sun Also Rises*
B. *A Farewell to Arms*
C. *For whom the Bell Tolls*
D. *The Old Man and the Sea*
40. In *A Rose for Emily*, William Faulkner makes best use of the _____ devices in narration.
- A. romantic
B. realistic
C. Gothic
D. Post-modernist

非选择题部分

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二、阅读理解题: 本大题共 4 小题, 每小题 4 分, 共 16 分。

Reading Comprehension (16 points in all, 4 for each)

Read the quoted parts carefully and answer the questions in English.

41. Wherefore feed and clothe and save

From the cradle to the grave

Those ungrateful drones who would

Drain your sweat—nay, drink your blood?

Wherefore, **Bees of England**, forge

Many a weapon, chain, and scourge,

That these stingless drones may spoil

The forced produce of your toil?

Questions:

A. Identify the poet and the poem from which the lines are taken.

B. What do you think the poet intends to say in the poem?

C. What does the phrase “Bees of England” refer to?

42. MRS. WARREN. [*galled by the Vivie's indifference*] What do you know of men, child, to talk that way about them? You'll have to make up your mind to see a good deal of Sir George Crofts, as he's a friend of mine.

VIVE. [*quite unmoved*] Why? [*She sits down and pens a book*] Do you expect that we shall be much together? You and I, I mean?

Questions:

A. Identify the playwright and the title of the above quotation.

B. What's the relationship between the two speakers?

C. What's the theme of the play?

43. Be it so, if you will. But, alas! It was a dream of evil omen for young goodman Brown. A stern, a sad, a darkly meditative, a distrustful, if not a desperate man, did he become, from the night of **that fearful dream**. On the Sabbath-day, when the congregation were singing a holy psalm, he could not listen, because an anthem of sin rushed loudly upon his ear, and drowned all the blessed strain.

Questions:

- A. Identify the title of the story from which this part is taken.
- B. Why does Brown become stern, sad, and distrustful?
- C. What does “that fearful dream” refer to?

44. I like to see **it** lap the Miles—
And lick the Valleys up—
And stop to feed itself at Tanks—
And then—prodigious step

Around a Pile of Mountains—
And supercilious peer
In Shanties—by the side of Roads—
And then a Quarry pare.

Questions:

- A. Identify the name of the author.
- B. What does “it” in the first line mean?
- C. What is the poem about?

三、简答题：本大题共 4 小题，每小题 6 分，共 24 分。

Questions and Answers (24 points in all, 6 for each)

Give a brief answer to each of the following questions in English.

- 45. What are the each hero’s weaknesses of the characteristics of the greatest tragedies written by William Shakespeare?
- 46. Why is *Jane Eyre* one of the most popular and important novels of the Victorian Age?
- 47. *Sister Carrie* best embodies Theodore Dreiser’s naturalistic belief. How do you understand that?
- 48. What are the characteristics of Robert Frost’s poetry?

四、论述题：本大题共 2 小题，每小题 10 分，共 20 分。

Topic Discussion (20 points in all, 10 for each)

Write no less than 150 words on each of the following topics in English in the corresponding space on the answer sheet.

- 49. *Robinson Crusoe* is considered to be Daniel Defoe’s masterpiece because the protagonist was a real middle-class hero. And his rest four novels manifest Defoe’s deep concern for the poor and the unfortunate in his society. Please try to discuss their social significance.
- 50. *Moby-Dick* is not merely a whaling tale or sea adventure, considering that Herman Melville is a great symbolist. Please make an analysis on this viewpoint.