

**A. Read the following text then do the tasks below:**

Poetry has been around for thousands of years. However, we might think of the epic poem as the first instance of poetry, appearing as early as the 20<sup>th</sup> century B.C. The Epic of Gilgamesh is often cited as one of the earliest works of epic poetry, dating back to the 18th century B.C. Consisting of Sumerian poems, it's a text that was discovered through many different Babylonian tablet versions during archaeological **excavations**.

Throughout history, poetry has appeared in different forms. The **sonnet** form became best known as an English poetic form through the work of William Shakespeare in the 16th century. Elizabethan poetry of the 1500s soon shifted into Restoration Poetry and a marked turn away from the sonnet.

Following the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, the English Restoration period, from 1660 to 1689, saw the rise of literary **elites**, such as John Dryden, perhaps one of the best-known names of English literary criticism, translation, drama, and poetry.

The form of the mock-heroic and the use of poetic form for satire did not end with Dryden. Alexander Pope, most famous for his work *The Rape of the Lock* (1712), carried on Dryden's tradition of using poetry for comedic ends.

**Choose the right answers (a, b, c, or d) to complete the following: (70 marks)**

- Poetry is considered as .... of art.
  - a new form.
  - an ancient form.
  - a contemporary form.
  - an infamous form.
- The Epic of Gilgamesh was written ....
  - 1800 years ago.
  - 3800 years ago.
  - in recent era.
  - 2000 years ago.
- Shakespeare is credited with the use of ....
  - poetry.
  - Elizabethan poetry.
  - Restoration Poetry.
  - sonnet.
- After John Dryden, satire .... in poetry.
  - was rarely used.
  - was never used.
  - was used.
  - came to an end.
- '**excavations**' means ....
  - a group of people who have a lot of power.
  - digging in the ground to look for old objects.
  - a poem with 14 lines that rhyme with each other.
  - making fun of people.
- '**sonnet**' means ....
  - a group of people who have a lot of power.
  - digging in the ground to look for old objects.
  - a poem with 14 lines that rhyme with each other.
  - making fun of people.
- '**elites**' means ....
  - a group of people who have a lot of power.
  - digging in the ground to look for old objects.
  - a poem with 14 lines that rhyme with each other.
  - making fun of people.

**B. Read the following text then do the tasks below:**

John Keats (1795-1821) was a prominent English poet in the second generation of the Romantic era, along with Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelley. He devoted his short life to the perfection of a poetry marked by vivid imagery, great touching appeal, and an attempt to express a philosophy through classical legend. His reputation grew after his early death, and he was greatly admired in the Victorian Age.

His influence can be seen in the poetry of Alfred Lord Tennyson. The son of a stable manager, John Keats received relatively little formal education. After his father died in 1804, Keats had close emotional ties to his sister, Fanny, and his two brothers, George and Tom. The Keats children lived with their widowed grandmother at Edmonton, Middlesex.

John started school at Enfield. At school Keats was noted as an aggressive guy but in 1809 he began to read eagerly. John Keats was trained by a surgeon in 1811. He broke off the training in 1814 and went to London, where he worked as a dresser, or junior house surgeon, at Guy's and St. Thomas' hospitals. After 1817, he devoted himself entirely to poetry.

**Write true (T) or false (F): (70 marks)**

- John Keats is considered one of the early romantic poets. \_\_\_\_\_
- Keats' poetry contained lively and attractive images. \_\_\_\_\_
- Keats was a well-known poet during his life. \_\_\_\_\_
- Keats received high education and was taught at university. \_\_\_\_\_
- Keats had a strong relation with his family members. \_\_\_\_\_
- Keats continued his life working as a surgeon. \_\_\_\_\_
- Keats was famous for being a surgeon. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Choose the correct answer (a, b, c, or d):

(180 marks)

15. 'He is a lion' is a/an ....  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
16. The wind wrapped its icy fingers around my body.  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
17. The boat was tossed like a cork on the waves.  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
18. "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate".  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
19. Blind justice was not on his side.  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
20. He was as brave as a lion.  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
21. "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players; they have their exits and their entrances."  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
22. "Death lays its icy hands on kings."  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
23. "My love is like a red rose...".  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
24. The passive form of 'People say Tom Cruise is the richest star.' is ....  
 a. It is said that Tom Cruise is the richest star.  
 b. It was said that Tom Cruise is the richest star.  
 c. It had said that Tom Cruise is the richest star.  
 d. It have said that Tom Cruise is the richest star.
25. The passive form of 'The government will pay Dr. Mahmoud 20 million pounds.' is ....  
 a. Dr. Mahmoud will pay 20 million pounds.  
 b. Dr. Mahmoud would pay 20 million pounds.  
 c. Dr. Mahmoud will be paid 20 million pounds.  
 d. Dr. Mahmoud would be paid 20 million pounds.
26. This office is dirty. It .... until tomorrow morning.  
 a. can't have been cleaned. b. can't be cleaning.  
 c. can't be cleaned. d. can't clean.
27. It .... that the railway line was buried under rocks.  
 a. was reported. b. has been reported.  
 c. is reported. d. is being reported.
28. Many offices of large companies .... in the town centre recently.  
 a. had been built. b. had been building.  
 c. have been building. d. have been built.
29. Your car .... to the scrap years ago.  
 a. should be sent. b. should send.  
 c. should have been sent. d. should have sent.
30. The evidence .... when the lights went off.  
 a. was examining. b. has been examined.  
 c. is examining. d. was being examined.
31. "Death! where is thy sting? O grave! Where is thy victory?"  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
32. A local jewellery shop .... by someone yesterday.  
 a. is broken into. b. is breaking into.  
 c. was breaking into. d. was broken into.
33. Camera footage shows that illegal goods .... into the warehouse last week.  
 a. are smuggled. b. are smuggling.  
 c. were smuggling. d. were smuggled.
34. These clothes .... for daily use. You can wear them every day.  
 a. were designed. b. were designing.  
 c. are designed. d. are designing.

35. The paintings .... till the end of the month.  
 a. will exhibit. b. will have been exhibited.  
 c. will be exhibited. d. will have exhibited.
36. .... that people will live on Mars in 2050.  
 a. It is expecting. b. It was expected.  
 c. It is expected. d. It was expecting.
37. About 85% of the world's population now own mobile phone.  
 a. How have the students reacted?  
 b. How long have you had yours?  
 c. But what could be the reason behind that?  
 d. Don't you think you'd feel isolated?
38. My perfect house would be high in the mountains.  
 a. How have the students reacted?  
 b. How long have you had yours?  
 c. But what could be the reason behind that?  
 d. Don't you think you'd feel isolated?
39. I like onions, but they don't like me.  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
40. The streets were a furnace. I can't walk anymore.  
 a. simile. b. metaphor. c. personification. d. adjective.
41. This examination .... to be the most difficult one.  
 a. is claimed. b. is claiming.  
 c. claimed. d. has claimed.
42. 1500 square kilometres of rainforests .... to be cut every year.  
 a. is estimating. b. is estimated.  
 c. estimated. d. has estimated.
43. The professor .... his students the results of his research in the laboratory now.  
 a. showed. b. was showing.  
 c. is shown. d. is showing.
44. Plenty of time .... to the students to finish the exam.  
 a. was giving. b. has given.  
 c. was given. d. were given.

D. Ask about the underlined words in each sentence: (20 marks)

45. Dan: .....?  
 Sam: Alison lives at number 11 Johnson Street.
46. Dan: .....?  
 Sam: Alison used to be a singer.
47. Dan: .....?  
 Sam: The songs are on Channel 1 now.
48. Dan: .....?  
 Sam: She travelled abroad last year.

E. Find the mistake in each sentence: (20 marks)

49. When are the taxes going to be pay?  
 a- b- c- d-
50. My neighbour disappears six months ago.  
 a- b- c- d-
51. Have you being shown what to do?  
 a- b- c- d-
52. We were been asked a difficult question.  
 a- b- c- d-

F. Write a 50 word paragraph about each of the following topics: (40 marks)

- Write a paragraph of no more than 100 words about the influence of poetry in people's lives.

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1. b.
2. b.
3. d.
4. c.
5. b.
6. c.
7. a.
8. F.
9. T.
10. F.
11. F.
12. T.
13. F.
14. F.
15. b.
16. c.
17. a.
18. c.

19. c.
20. a.
21. b.
22. c.
23. a.
24. a.
25. c.
26. c.
27. a.
28. d.
29. c.
30. d.
31. c.
32. d.
33. d.
34. c.
35. c.
36. c.

37. b.
38. d.
39. c.
40. b.
41. a.
42. b.
43. d.
44. a.
45. Where does Alison live?
46. Who used to be a singer?
47. What is on the Channel 1 now?
48. When did she travel abroad?
49. d.
50. b.
51. a.
52. b.