

DCE-03
ONLINE PROGRAMME (DCEOL)
SHORT STORY

Time : 90 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : (i) Answer all the 50 questions.

(ii) Each question carries 1 mark.

1. Three elements of the short story are:

- A) Plot or structure, atmosphere and character
- B) Plot, music and spectacle
- C) Character, climax and symbol
- D) Structure, music and movement

2. 'Sherlock Holmes' was written by:

- A) Edgar Allan Poe
- B) Arthur Conan Doyle
- C) Ernest Hemingway
- D) Mark Twain

3. How should the writer approach the task of choosing a character in a short story?

- A) quickly and without much thought
- B) with a focus on physical appearance
- C) by showing that he knows the character intimately
- D) all characters are treated alike

4. What does the author mean when he says “Shakespeare’s ‘Hamlet’ meant when he said that drama holds the mirror up to life”?
- A) That fiction is meant to accurately depict real life.
 - B) That fiction is meant to be a reflection of reality.
 - C) That fiction is meant to be an escape from reality.
 - D) That fiction is meant to be a commentary on reality.
5. What is the main theme of the story ‘Birth’ by Mulk Raj Anand?
- A) The struggles of a stone-breaker’s wife
 - B) The power of nature
 - C) The relationship between a mother and daughter-in-law
 - D) The importance of authenticity in fiction
6. What is the author’s opinion of the use of atmosphere in fiction?
- A) It is unnecessary and should be avoided.
 - B) It is essential for creating authenticity and credibility in a story.
 - C) It should be used sparingly and only in certain type of stories.
 - D) It is a distraction from the main theme of the story.
7. What kind of atmosphere is typically created in a Gothic novel?
- A) Gloom, violence and abnormality
 - B) Romance and comedy
 - C) Love quotes and enjoyment
 - D) None of the above
8. What does the noted art critic Herbert Read say about art?
- A) All art is an order to form.
 - B) All art is a representation of the artist’s emotions.
 - C) All art is a reflection of society.
 - D) None of the above

9. What is the best kind of structure for a short story?

- A) One that has a beginning, middle and end
- B) One that is flat, round or labyrinthine
- C) One that is a slice of life
- D) None of the above

10. What should be done to give meaning to a short story?

- A) The entire sequence of characters and events must be bound in a short story
- B) You should avoid introducing long pauses
- C) You should also avoid all extraneous matter
- D) All of the above

11. What is the climax of the story “The Mem sahib of Mandla”?

- A) Dyson sees the ghost’s footprints leading to her grave
- B) Dyson accidentally kills himself while firing at the ghost
- C) The ghost of Jean Memshib is finally seen
- D) None of the above

12. The story “Scholar and Gypsy” was written by:

- A) Mulk Raj Anand
- B) Arthur Conan Doyle
- C) Lawrence Durrell
- D) Anita Desai

13. What should the author avoid in their writing?

- A) Elegant turns of phrase
- B) Verbosity
- C) Humor and Jokes
- D) Building suspense

14. Which of the following is NOT a major compulsion of writing a short story?

- A) How to make it interesting
- B) How to say it is not true
- C) How best to give a meaning to it
- D) How to make it boring

15. In a short story, digression and dilution are usually:

- A) Integrated
- B) Complicated
- C) Related
- D) Interrelated

16. is a part of fiction, whether long or short.

- A) Plot
- B) Climax
- C) Atmosphere
- D) Character

17. Who wrote 'Balthazar'?

- A) Bill Clinton
- B) Morris Johnson
- C) Lawrence Durrell
- D) Graham Greene

18. Who wrote "The Memshib of Mandla"?

- A) Khushwant Singh
- B) Chetan Bhagat
- C) Vikram Seth
- D) R. K. Narayan

19. Not all characters need to have a memorable:

- A) Exist line
- B) Ending
- C) Conclusion
- D) Beginning

20. Who is the main protagonist of the short story “Ten Indians”?

- A) David
- B) Nick
- C) Johnson
- D) James

21. Who wrote “Ten Indians”?

- A) Ernest Hemingway
- B) David Miller
- C) Morris Johnson
- D) Samuel Johnson

22. Which of the following is known for his conscious art of style in writing short story?

- A) Edgar Allan Poe
- B) Somerset Maugham
- C) Anton Chekhov
- D) Maupassant

23. Who wrote ‘The Last Laugh’?

- A) D. H. Lawrence
- B) Edgar Allan Poe
- C) Somerset Maugham
- D) Anton Chekhov

24. James Joyce is known for in short story.

- A) The autonomy of style
- B) Conscious art of style
- C) Rigorous and hard style
- D) Humorous style

25. The genesis of story writing for children lies in our tradition of folk tales known as

- A) The Katha
- B) The Natak
- C) The Parable
- D) The Fable

26. According to Aristotle's dictum, what is necessary for a work of art in prose?

- A) A beginning, middle, and an end
- B) A prolonged series of events
- C) A cause-and-effect relationship between the events being narrated
- D) A competition-winning story

27. What are the two types of open-ended narratives?

- A) Situational
- B) Character-based
- C) Both A) and B)
- D) None of the above

28. What are the precautions in sentence structure that a writer should keep in mind while writing a children's book except?

- A) Avoid very long and obscurely brief sentences
- B) Avoid grammatical and syntactic pitfalls
- C) Sentence should be simple and appropriate
- D) Using parenthetical digression which makes a sentence confusing

29. Which sentence is correct about fantasy?

- A) An imaginary world in which real, or fanciful and unreal characters meet with unreal adventures
- B) Characters surrounded by magic and unreality
- C) Wonder and curiosity and amazement
- D) All of the above

30. What is generally present in Katha-Sarit-Sagara and Jataka stories?

- A) The construction of the plot is simple and the appeal is direct
- B) Magic is absent
- C) Villains are absent
- D) Complex plotlines

31. In which novel does a white girl meet an aboriginal girl from Tasmania?

- A) Animal Farm by George Orwell
- B) The Secret Friends by Nan Chancey
- C) The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
- D) To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

32. What should one do in order to write a fantasy for children?

- A) Learn to write in detail
- B) Study Ballet

- C) Memorize poetry
- D) Read as many tales of fantasy

33. What is necessary for books for small children?

- A) Lively and colourful illustrations and very little text in large letters
- B) History, Geography, General Knowledge and Science and Science fiction
- C) Descriptive writing
- D) None of the above

34. The trend of open-ended narrative was set by:

- A) Anton Chekhov
- B) Saul Bellow
- C) Somerset Maugham
- D) Maxim Gorky

35. In a short story should not be too revealing.

- A) The revelation
- B) The climax
- C) The beginning
- D) The conclusion

36. The style of the short story demands both objectivity and

- A) Suggestiveness
- B) Subjectivity
- C) Flexibility
- D) Negativity

37. Who is the earliest master of the short story in English?

- A) Edgar Allan Poe
- B) Guy de Maupassant
- C) Anton Chekhov
- D) David Miller

38. Who is well known for the delineation of the mystery and complexity of life in short stories?

- A) Edgar Allan Poe
- B) D. H. Lawrence
- C) Somerset Maugham
- D) Anton Chekhov

39. Who wrote 'The Dubliners'?

- A) D. H. Lawrence
- B) Anton Chekhov
- C) James Joyce
- D) Edgar Allan Poe

40. Hemingway is known for applied in short stories.

- A) The autonomous style
- B) Rigorous and bare style
- C) Conscious art of style
- D) Humorous style

41. Which Bengali filmmaker has produced delightful films based on his own stories?

- A) Sujit Basu
- B) Ritwick Ghatak
- C) Mrenal Sen
- D) Satyajit Ray

42. A group of stories can form a sequence of stories by a common

- A) Theme or character
- B) Plot
- C) Goal
- D) Setting

43. Children's book must be

- A) Full of text
- B) Without illustration
- C) Illustrated
- D) Without images

44. Which of the following is not a work of fantasy?

- A) Arabian Nights
- B) Pinocchio
- C) Alice in Wonderland
- D) Oliver Twist

45. Who wrote 'Practical Princess'?

- A) H. G. Wells
- B) Jay Williams
- C) Jane Yolen
- D) Samuel Johnson

46. Who wrote 'The Seventh Mandarin' ?

- A) H. G. Wells
- B) Jane Yolen
- C) Jay Williams
- D) Samuel Johnson

47. Who wrote 'The Jungle Book'?

- A) Jonathan Swift
- B) Rudyard Kipling
- C) H. G. Wells
- D) Jay Williams

48. Who wrote 'Mysterious Island'?

- A) Jules Verne
- B) Daniel Defoe
- C) H. G. Wells
- D) Johnson Swift

49. Who made the following statement "All art is an order to form"?

- A) Herbert Reed
- B) Charles Dickens
- C) Graham Greene
- D) Vikram Seth

50. Who wrote 'Death of Ivan Ilych'?

- A) Tolstoy
- B) Herbert Reed
- C) Graham Greene
- D) Charles Dickens