



## Question Bank For PG Course

**English**

**1st Paper**

**POETRY : PGEG-I**

### Question 1

To which period of Chaucer's literary career is The Canterbury Tales ascribed?

### Question 2

How many pilgrims does the narrator of The General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales talk of?

### Question 3

What is Chaucer's predominant metaphor to describe springtime in the opening lines of The General Prologue?

### Question 4

How many poems make up Spenser's sonnet sequence Amoretti?

### Question 5

What does "ever-fixed mark" in Shakespeare's Sonnet 116 refer to?

### Question 6

In Shakespeare's Sonnet 130, what colour is 'dun'?

### Question 7

What is the central conceit of Donne's poem 'The Canonisation'?

### Question 8

What is the genesis of Dryden's long poem 'Absalom and Achitophel'?

### Question 9

What was Pope's purpose behind writing 'Epistle to Dr Arbuthnot'?

### Question 10

How many detailed portraits of contemporary personages do we find in 'Epistle to Dr Arbuthnot'?

### Question 11

As poem proper Paradise Lost begins in medias res. What does medias res mean?

### Question 12

In Paradise Lost, who is the archfiend?

### Question 13

In Paradise Lost, who famously says, "Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven"?

### Question 14

What was the original name of Wordsworth's poem 'Resolution and Independence'?

### Question 15

Of which famous garden are we reminded of in Coleridge's description of Kubla Khan's garden?

### Question 16

In which poem does John Keats write, "A rosy sanctuary will I dress ..."?

### Question 17

In 'Ode to a Nightingale' which is the operative word connecting Stanzas 7 and 8, and giving a dramatic twist to the poem?

### Question 18

In Ode on a Grecian Urn' why is the bride "still unravish'd"?

### Question 19

In what light does the modern reader necessarily perceive a text like In Memoriam?

### Question 20

In 'The Scholar Gipsy' what is the poet's attitude towards the gipsy?

### Question 21

In 'Andrea del Sarto' what is the name of Andrea's wife?

### Question 22

What is 'the steadfast rock' that Emily Bronte refers to in her poem 'No Coward Soul'?

### Question 23

What is the sub-title of Hopkins' poem 'The Windhover'?

### Question 24

From which collection of W. B. Yeats' poetry is the poem 'Sailing to Byzantium' taken?

### Question 25

What is Byzantium in 'Sailing to Byzantium'?

### Question 26

In which year was 'The Waste Land' published?

#### Question 27

What makes Auden's 'Unknown Citizen' unknown?

#### Question 28

What is the first aspect that strikes a reader of 'This Bread I Break'?

#### Question 29

What is the predominant metaphor on which the poem 'The Whitsun Weddings' is built up?

#### Question 30

In a poem like 'Hawk Roosting' to what effect does Ted Hughes use animal imagery?

#### Question 31

On whose life is The Book of the Duchess based?

#### Question 32

To which period of Chaucer's career is Troilus and Criseyde ascribed?

#### Question 33

Which day does The Parliament of Fowls describe?

#### Question 34

What is the name of the host of the Tabard Inn in The Canterbury Tales?

#### Question 35

"I know I have the body but of a weak and feeble woman; but I have the heart of a king, and of a king of England too." – who uttered this at Tilbury?

#### Question 36

Sonnets of Amoretti are about a woman. Who was she?

#### Question 37

Spenser's Amoretti is "unprecedented puritan humanist adaptation of the sonnet sequence to a relationship which ends in marriage." Who said this

#### Question 38

How many books were planned for The Faerie Queene by Spenser?

#### Question 39

How many five-foot iambic lines are there in a Spenserian Stanza?

#### Question 40

“Thy lovers withering, as thy sweet self growest” – who is addressed in this line by Shakespeare?

#### Question 41

“Nor Mars his sword nor war’s quick fire shall burn” – Who is Mars in this line?

#### Question 42

What is implied by the statement that Shakespeare’s sonnet 130 goes against the traditional love poems?

#### Question 43

Who used the term ‘metaphysical’ for the first time?

#### Question 44

Who found ‘unified sensibility’ in the metaphysical poets?

#### Question 45

What does ‘palsy’ mean in the poem ‘The Canonization’?

#### Question 46

1. “The mind, that ocean where each kind  
Does straight its own resemblance find,” – what figure of speech is used in these lines?

#### Question 47

Who is targeted in Absalom and Achitophel?

#### Question 48

Who are the ‘Jebusites’ in Absalom and Achitophel?

#### Question 49

Who is ‘Atticus’ in ‘An Epistle to Dr Arbuthnot’?

#### Question 50

Who does Milton invoke in Paradise Lost?

#### Question 51

What is the Dorian Mood referred to in Paradise Lost?

#### Question 52

Which poem is the 'contrary piece' of 'The Lamb'?

#### Question 53

Which poem is the star of the 1798 Lyrical Ballads?

#### Question 54

What does Wordsworth portray in the poem 'Resolution and Independence'?

#### Question 55

Which literary piece inspired the poem 'Kubla Khan'?

#### Question 56

What does 'Alastor' represent in the titular poem?

#### Question 57

1. Which poem is the source of the lines –  
"Where Beauty cannot keep her lustrous eyes,  
Or new Love pine at them beyond to-morrow."?

#### Question 58

Who is the subject of 'In Memoriam'?

#### Question 59

As what type of poetry is 'The Scholar Gipsy' usually considered?

#### Question 60

What is the most important characteristic of a dramatic monologue?