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1982 Exam Stems

1. The headings of the stanzas, _____, indicate which one of the two is being/acting/winning/speaking
2. In the poem, which of the following best describes the relationship between _____ and _____?
3. Which of the following devices is dominant in the first stanza?
4. The notion of an _____ that can _____ and an _____ that can _____ (lines __) suggests that
5. In the context of the first stanza, the lines __ express a longing to be freed/separated/saved/cured/released
6. Which of the following best sums up what is said in lines ___?
7. What does line __ suggest about the nature of _____?
8. Which of the following best restates the question posed in lines ___?
9. Lines __ are best understood to mean that
10. " _____ " (line __) refers metaphorically to
11. Which of the following best describes the effect of the metaphor in lines ___?
12. The last four lines, which extend the length of the last stanza, have the effect of?
13. Which of the following most fully expresses the cleverness of _____ in its impingement on the _____
14. The primary distinction made in the first paragraph is one between
15. Which of the following best describes the function of the first sentence in the passage?
16. The phrase " _____ " (line __) is best read as a metaphor relating to
17. In context, the clause " _____ " (lines __) suggests which of the following?
18. According to the passage, writers who are most aware of _____ would be those who _____
19. In the first paragraph, the author is most concerned with explaining/berating/defining/developing/summarizing
20. In lines __, the repeated linkage of the words _____ and _____ can be interpreted as an emphasis on the
21. According to lines __, which of the following would be a _____ and _____ attitude for a young writer to hold?
22. The author implies that " _____ " (lines __) because following it leads to
23. The " _____ " (line __) is best understood as that which
24. In line __, " _____ " refers to which of the following?
25. In lines __, the author refers to " _____ " as an example/a part/evidence
26. Which of the following is implicit before " _____ " (lines __)?
27. The function of the quotation in lines __ is primarily to support/refute/ridicule/show/add
28. The development of the argument can best be described as progressing from the assertion/summary/statement/criticism/description
29. Taken as a whole, the passage is best described as a narrative/a technical discussion/an argument/an expository/a descriptive
30. The speaker assumes that the _____ referred to in lines __ will come proclaiming
31. According to the speaker, the prophet's " _____ " (line __) will probably not be heeded because

32. In the phrase, " _____ " (line __) , the speaker is suggesting that
33. In line __ the speaker is doing which of the following
anticipating/despairing/exchanging/heeding/prescribing
34. In lines __, the speaker is asserting that
35. The speaker implies that without " _____ " we would
36. The phrase " _____ " (line __) implies
37. The " _____ " (line __) refers to
38. The phrase " _____ " (line __) is best understood as
39. According to the speaker, we use the images of " _____ " (line __), " _____ " (line __), and the
" _____ " (line __) literally/as metaphors/as similes/to reinforce/to explain
40. Which of the following best describes an effect of the repetition of the phrase " _____ " (line __)
41. Which of the following best paraphrases the meaning of line __
42. Which of the following best describes the poem as a whole?
43. Which of the following best describes the " _____ " in the passage?
44. The opening sentence can best be described as
45. In line __ "which" refers to
46. The speaker contrasts his preferred _____ with which of the following?
47. In lines _____, which of the following does NOT modify " _____ " (line __)
48. Which of the following is true about the syntax of the clause " _____ "(lines __)
49. The phrase " _____ " (lines __) modifies
50. In lines __ " _____ " means which of the following?
51. The best contrast with the image of " _____ " (lines __) is
52. After line __. the author's tone becomes more
53. The most explicit suggestion that _____ is contained in
54. When the author says, " _____ " (lines __) , he is commenting on
55. Which of the following best describes the passage as a whole?

1987 Exam Stems

1. The phrase " _____ " (line __) is best interpreted to mean that
2. The phrase " _____ " (lines __) evokes
3. The phrase " _____ " (lines __) presents an example of
4. _____ had hated her _____ primarily for
5. The image of " _____ " (line __) is a reference to
6. In context, which of the following depends on " _____ " (line__)
7. in context, the phrase " _____ " (line __) is best interpreted to mean
8. The parable of _____ (lines __) serves primarily to
9. _____ believed that the very best characteristic of human nature is
10. In the parable of _____, " _____ " (line __) most likes represents
11. It can be inferred that each _____ who _____ " _____ " (line__) to see _____ was
12. Which of the following best describes _____ at the end of the passage?
13. The tone of the last two paragraphs (lines __) is best described as
14. Which of the following best describes how _____ felt about the influence of _____ and _____ on her character?
15. All of the following represent figurative language EXCEPT
16. The _____ pictured in lines __ is best described as which of the following
17. The _____ described in lines ____ is pictured chiefly in his role as
18. The change referred to in line __ is described as one from " _____ to _____ "
19. In line __, the phrase " _____ " is best taken to mean which of the following
20. The relationship between lines __ and lines __ is best described by which of the following
21. In lines __, the desire to ____ is seen chiefly as
22. In lines __, the speaker regards himself as
23. The main point made about _____ and _____ is lines ____ is that
24. Lines ____ suggest that
25. Beginning in line __, the speaker does which of the following
26. In line _ the phrase " _____ " refers to
27. According to the speaker, " _____ " (line__) lack all of the following vices EXCEPT
28. In lines __, the speaker attempts to do which of the following
recapitulate/recount/offer/draw/chastise
29. According to line __, the speaker finds value in which of the following aspects of poetry?
30. According to the speaker, a positive aspect of poetry is its
31. According to the speaker, poets are despicable if they imitate/become/fail/mock/compose
32. This excerpt is written in which of the following?
33. The passage contains all of the following rhetorical devices EXCEPT
34. It can be inferred from the passage that the speaker would agree with which of the following statements about _____?
35. In the passage's second sentence the speaker uses language that might best describe a
36. It is most likely that the _____ " _____ " (line __) in order to
study/admit/remind/trick/hide

37. The speaker's _____ is concerned that his _____'s fear may make/weaken/subvert/cause/prompt
38. The comparisons in lines __ of _____ with the _____ and " _____ " suggest that _____ is all of the following EXCEPT
39. In lines _____, that speaker suggests that _____ is motivated by
40. The sentence beginning " _____ " (lines __) supports the speaker's proposition that _____ is /may/cannot
41. One could at least partially rebut the implication of lines__ by noting that a man who is " _____ " might
42. "They" in line__ refers to
43. A more conventional, but still accurate, replacement for "nor" in line __ would be
44. " _____ " (lines __) appears to be a contradictory statement because
45. At the conclusion the speaker finds that he
46. Which of the following seems LEAST compatible with the speaker's _____?
47. In the first section of the poem (lines_), the speaker seeks to convey a feeling of
48. In context, " _____ " (line__) suggests that
49. The speaker give symbolic significance to which of the following?
50. Lines __ and __ (" _____ ") are best understood to mean which of the following?
51. In lines __, the _____ is compared to
52. Which of the following occurs directly because the _____ is " _____ " (line __).
53. The speaker's description of the _____ of the _____ emphasizes all of the following EXCEPT its
54. In lines __, " _____ " suggests that
55. In line __, " _____ " functions as which of the following an adjective modifying/an adverb modifying
56. in lines __, the speaker compares
57. In the poem, the _____ is, for the speaker, all of the following EXCEPT
58. Lines __ can best be described as a digression/change/counterargument/metaphorical/simile
59. In the last section of the poem, the speaker implies that to try to _____ the " _____ " (line __) is
60. It can be inferred that _____'s attitude toward the speaker's speculations is one of
61. The poem is an example of which of the following verse forms?

1991 Exam Stems

1. The speaker of the passage is most likely a
2. In the first paragraph, the speaker characterizes the _____ primarily by describing their
3. The dominant technique in the first paragraph is the use of
4. Which of the following best describes the order in which objects are presented in paragraph one?
5. In context, " _____ " (line __) is best interpreted as
6. The words " _____ " (line __) and " _____ " (line __) contribute which of the following to the development of the passage?
7. The _____ and _____ are characterized in terms of which of the following aspects of their lives?
8. The characterization of the _____ in lines __ is marked by
9. In line __, "they" refers to
10. In the second paragraph, the author develops a contrast between
11. In the second paragraph, the speaker characterizes the _____ primarily by describing their
12. The primary rhetorical purpose of the passage is to
13. Which of the following best describes the organization of the passage?
14. The speaker is best described as
15. It can be inferred that the rhythm and diction of the concluding lines (" _____ ") are intended to reflect
16. The phrase " _____ " emphasizes which of the following?
17. In lines __, there is an implied comparison between _____ and
18. In lines __, _____ implies that " _____ " are
19. In lines __, _____ makes use of
20. The two quotations in lines _____ by _____ are seen by _____ as
21. _____'s " _____ " (line __) are not comforting because they
22. In line __, the " _____ " are mentioned as which of the following?
subjects/rabble/people/criminals
23. In line __, " _____ " refers to the idea that the
24. When _____ says " _____ " (line __), he means that he
25. In line __, " _____ " is best interpreted as meaning
26. Which of the following best restates the meaning of lines __?
27. In the passage, _____ uses language primarily to
28. In the passage, _____ reflects on all of the following EXCEPT
29. In the passage, _____ exhibits which of the following?
30. The speaker implies that the _____ is
31. The speaker implies that there is a similarity between the
32. An example of the literary device of apostrophe is found in line
33. In line __, " _____ " refers to the
34. Which of the following is an irony presented in the poem?
35. A major rhetorical shift in the poem occurs in line
36. Which of the following lines is closest in meaning to lines __ and __?
37. The final stanza of the poem primarily expresses the speaker's

38. The basic meter of the poem is
39. The speaker characterizes the life of the _____ as
40. In line __, "its" refers to
41. In the first sentence (lines ____) of the passage is characterized by which of the following
42. The succession of phrases " _____ " in lines _____ emphasizes the
43. The antecedent of the word "them" is
44. The chief effect of the diction in the sentence " _____ " (lines __) is to provide
45. The predominant tone of the speaker toward the _____ is one of
46. The function of the sentence beginning " _____ " (lines __) is to
47. The description " _____ " (lines __) serves to
48. The description in the _____ sentence (lines __) is characterized by all of the following EXCEPT
49. Which of the following indicates the major shift in the development of the speaker's exposition?
50. In the passage, the _____ functions as
51. Which of the following is the most logical deduction from the speaker's assertions?
52. Which of the following are the most prominent images in the passage?
53. The central rhetorical strategy of the passage is to

1994 Exam Stems

1. The passage is primarily concerned with
2. In lines ____, the words "_____" have which of the following effects? they retard/they satirize/they highlight/they change/they emphasize
3. Which of the following best describes the effect produced by the repetition of the phrase "_____" in lines __ and ____
4. It can be inferred from the phrase "_____" (line __) that _____
5. In lines ____, the pronoun "it" in the phrase "_____" refers to
6. The depiction of _____'s "_____" and _____'s "_____" (lines __) serves what specific function in the narrative progress of the passage? it diverts/it retards/it provides/it counters/it offers
7. In context, "_____" (line __), "_____" (line __), and "_____" (line __) serve to evoke/situate/highlight/mask/endorse
8. The qualifiers "_____" (lines __) and "_____" (lines __) suggest that
9. The image of "_____" (line __) suggests all of the following EXCEPT
10. The attention the speaker pays to the details of _____ serves primarily to
11. The style of the passage as a whole is characterized by
12. The irony in the passages as a whole rests chiefly on the conflict between
13. The point of view in the passage is that of
14. Which of the following best describes the effect produced by the repetition of the words "_____" and "_____" throughout the passage?
15. The poem dramatizes the moment when the speaker
16. The poem contains which of the following?
17. In the context of the poem, the phrase "_____" (line __) is best paraphrased as
18. Which of the following pairs of words refers to different entities?
19. When the speaker says the _____ will deny ever having seen him (lines __), he means that
20. A principle purpose of the use of "_____" (line __) is to foreshadow/emphasize/serve/compensate/contrast
21. In the context of the poem, the expression "_____" (line __) is best interpreted to mean
22. Lines ____ describe an example of
23. In line __ "_____" is best paraphrased as
24. By the expression "_____" (line __), the speaker means that he will have
25. Which of the following pairs of phrases most probably refers to the same moment in the sequence of events in the poem?
26. In the final stanza, the speaker anticipates
27. Which of the following is LEAST important to the theme of the poem?
28. The tone throughout the poem is best described as one of
29. Which of the following descriptions is an example of the narrator's irony?
30. Which of the following phrases most pointedly refers to _____'s _____ character?
31. In context, the adjective "_____" (line __) is best interpreted as meaning
32. The use of the word "_____" in line __ is an example of which of the following?

33. In the context of the sentence, the phrases " _____ " (line __) and " _____ " (line __) are used to show _____'s
34. Which of the following terms is (are) meant to be taken ironically?
35. The passage suggests that, as member of _____, _____ was
36. Which of the following statements best defines _____'s relationship with _____?
37. Which of the following best describes the effect of the last paragraph?
38. The narrator attributes _____'s attitude and behavior to which of the following factors?
39. The style of the passage as a whole can be best characterized as
40. The narrator's attitude toward _____ can best be described as one of
41. In the first stanza, the _____ is presented chiefly as
42. The _____ is most probably called a " _____ " (line __) because it
43. How many reasons does the speaker give to try to explain why the _____
" _____ " (line __)
44. The speaker hypothesizes that _____ might be
45. The diction used to describe _____ in lines _____ suggests that
46. In line _____, " _____ " refers to something that
47. The object of "to" in line __ is
48. For the speaker, the _____ and _____ are similar in that they both
49. In line __, the speaker implies that the _____ had/was/understood/preferred
50. In line _____ the cause of the _____ is described in language most similar to that used by the speaker to describe
51. In the poem as a whole, the speaker views _____ as being essentially
52. The speaker makes a categorical assertion at all of the following places in the poem EXCEPT
53. Which of the following lines contains an example of personification?
54. Lines _____ have all of the following functions EXCEPT to return/illustrate/link/emphasize/evoke
55. The _____'s words (lines __) convey a sense of

1999 MC Stems

1. Which of the following is the primary meaning of the word "_____" as it is used in the passage?
2. _____'s first words ("_____") are surprising because _____ prevents/claims/thinks/implies/is not responding
3. From the context, the reader can infer that "_____" (line __) is
4. _____ probably calls the quotation in lines __ "_____" because he considers/knows/believes/sees
5. _____'s view of _____ might best be described as
6. In lines ____ ("_____"), the speaker makes use of all of the following EXCEPT
7. The primary rhetorical function of the sentence "_____" (lines __) is to introduce/provide/undermine/distinguish
8. In line __, the "_____" refers to English
9. The second of _____'s two speeches repeats the argument of the first that
10. Which of the following does _____ explicitly endorse?
11. From the passage, we can infer that the art _____ would most value would be characterized by all of the following EXCEPT
12. In the passage, _____ ridicules all of the following commonly accepted ideas about _____ EXCEPT
13. The comedy of the passage derives chiefly from
14. The central opposition of the poem is between
15. The speaker views the _____, _____, and the _____ as
16. The "_____" (line __) most probably refer to
17. In line __, "_____" most probably refers metaphorically to
18. For the speaker, the _____ and the _____ have which of the following in common?
19. One effect of "_____" (line __) is to emphasize the speaker's feeling of
20. In line __, "_____" is best understood to mean
21. Grammatically, the word "_____" (line __) functions as
22. The speaker perceives the coming of _____ chiefly in terms of
23. Which of the following is a subject treated in the poem?
24. The most conventional, least idiosyncratic aspect of the poem is its
25. The sentiments expressed in the poem are closest to those expressed in which of the following quotations from other poets?
26. Throughout the passage, _____ is addressing
27. Which of the following adjectives best describes _____'s speech?
28. In the simile in line __, "_____" is used to stand for
29. The phrase "_____" (line __) refers to
30. Lines ____ are based on which of the following?
31. In line __, "_____" means
32. Which of the following best paraphrases lines _____ ("_____")?
33. _____'s comment "_____" (lines __) does which of the following?
asserts/implies/compares/suggests/contrasts

34. Which of the following is used most extensively in the passage?
35. The poem is best described as
36. Line __ suggests which of the following
37. Line __ presents an example of
38. Lines ____ most strongly convey the speaker's
39. What does the speaker convey in lines ____?
40. The _____ quality of the _____ allows the speaker to experience all of the following in the poem EXCEPT
41. All of the following contrasts are integral to the poem EXCEPT
42. The imagery of the poem is characterized by
43. The title suggest which of the following?
44. The narrator provides the clause " _____ " most probably as
45. In line __, " _____ " refers to _____'s belief that
46. Lines ____ chiefly serve to show that _____ was capable of
47. In lines ____, " _____ " is best interpreted to mean that
48. The dominant element of ____ and _____'s meeting (lines __) is
49. The images in lines _____ suggest that
50. In line __, " _____ " is best interpreted to mean _____'s
51. The chief effect of the imagery and figures of speech in lines _____ is to
52. By comparing _____ to " _____ " (line __) the narrator invites further comparison between
53. The excerpt is chiefly concerned with a plan/decision/hope/dispute/problem
54. Which of the following best describes _____'s speech?
55. At the ____ of the excerpt, _____ probably believes that _____ had been

2004 MC stems

1. The narrator's use of the adverbs "____" and "____" as nouns signifying types of _____ helps to emphasize the _____s' essential/concern/style/indifference/sense
2. The _____ in the passage are characterized chiefly by description of their _____
3. In context, "_____" (line__) suggests which of the following about the conversation of the _____?
4. The use of the sentence "_____" in line__ and again in line __ suggests that the points of view of the _____ and the _____ are equally _____
5. From line __ to line __ the passage is best described as an example of _____
6. What do lines __ suggest about the relationship portrayed between _____ and _____?
7. The narrator implies that the situation in which the _____ and _____ find themselves is a kind of _____
8. In line __, the word "_____" might be ironic because the _____
9. Overall, the passage suggests that immortality _____
10. The last sentence of the passage is characterized by _____
11. Both the _____ and the _____ are portrayed as _____
12. In lines ____ ("_____"), the narrator does which of the following?
suggests/introduces/emphasizes/supplies
13. The _____ and _____ mentioned in the first paragraph primarily serve to
reveal/show/suggest/present/illustrate
14. In line __, the author uses the word "_____" to form a connection between _____
15. The effect of quoting _____'s words in line __ is to
characterize/represent/emphasize/suggest/illustrate
16. _____ submits to having her "_____" (line __) primarily because she
chooses/is/wants
17. Which of the following words associated with _____ best conveys how her _____ would like
her to be?
18. In line ____, the reference to "_____" does which of the following? gently
mocks/sincerely endorses/affectionately endorses/scathingly criticizes/ruefully echoes
19. Why is _____'s _____ disturbed by her "_____" (line__)
20. _____ could find no comfort in his _____'s developing qualities because _____
21. Which of the following most aptly describes _____'s interactions with her _____?
22. In this passage, _____ is presented as _____
23. In context, which phrase most directly indicates a judgment made by the narrator?
24. The passage employs all of the following contrasts EXCEPT one between _____
25. The poem is best described as a _____
26. In lines _____, the speaker conveys a sense of _____
27. The phrase "_____" (line __) refers specifically to _____
28. The images in lines __ ("_____") contrast most directly with _____
29. In line __ ("_____"), the speaker suggests which of the following?
30. In the context of the poem, the term "_____" (line __) suggests _____
31. By deciding to "_____" (line __), the speaker in effect does which of the _____

following? apologizes/accepts/questions/dramatizes

32. The description of the " _____ " (line __) most directly suggests that
33. In line __, " _____ " probably refers to the _____'s
34. The structure of the poem is determined by the speaker's emotions/movements/ideas/values/history
35. The main purpose of the passage is to urge/explain/unmask/ridicule/condemn
36. In the context of the passage, the first sentence is best viewed as
37. In line __, " _____ " is best understood to mean
38. In the second paragraph, the goddess criticism is portrayed as being
39. In line __, " _____ " is best understood to mean
40. Which of the following is personified in the passage?
41. In the third paragraph, the speaker primarily portrays the _____ as being
42. In the passage as a whole, the speaker portrays _____ as being especially
43. The speaker characterizes the _____ as being all of the following EXCEPT
44. It can be inferred from the passage that _____ in the speaker's time were most concerned with
45. In the section of the essay that immediately follows this passage, the speaker probably does which of the following? shows/gives/discusses/explains/urges
46. Which of the following best describes the speaker's present situation?
47. In the context of the entire poem, it is clear that " _____ " (line __) expresses the speaker's inability/belief/desire/failure/assumption
48. In line __, " _____ " means
49. In the poem, the _____ and _____ are characterized as hostile/indifferent/favorable/exploitable/fickle
50. In context " _____ " (line __) refers to
51. Which two lines come closest to stating the same idea?
52. In line __, " _____ " refers to the
53. What is the function of the final couplet (lines __)? explains/comments/describes/undercuts/suggests
54. The speaker is best described as displaying which of the following?
55. Taken as a whole, the poem is best described as

2009 MC stems

1. The use of the present tense throughout the poem helps reinforce the speaker's
2. The speaker experiences a tension primarily between
3. The speaker considers her work at the _____ to be
4. Lines ____ seem to suggest the
5. The interjection in line ____ serves primarily to
6. In line __, the description of the _____ helps to do which of the following
emphasize/link/convey/cause/show
7. Which of the following lines best conveys the speaker's sense of time which at the _____?
8. Which two lines come closest to contradicting each other?
9. The speaker and the _____ are portrayed through descriptions of their
mannerisms/attitudes/clothing/relationships/tastes
10. Which of the following literary devices is most used in the poem?
11. In line __, "____" refers to
12. The first sentence makes use of which of the following literary techniques?
13. The description of the _____ in lines __ ("_____") functions as sustained metaphor that
effectively
14. All of the following verbs have the same subject EXCEPT
15. Lines ____ ("_____") are primarily characterized by
16. Which of the following is true of the sentence "_____" (lines __)?
17. Which of the following best describes the author's figurative treatment of "_____" (lines __)?
18. The description of the "_____" as "_____" (line__) suggests which of the following?
19. The passage establishes a mood of
20. the primary purpose of the passage is
21. Which of the following best describes the tone of the passage?
22. In line __ "_____" most directly means
23. In context, "_____" (line __) suggests which of the following?
24. The brief sentence in line __ emphasizes the
25. The "_____" (line__) most directly refers to the
26. The central metaphor in the _____ stanza compares the _____ to
27. Which statement best defines the role of the _____ stanza? It shifts/amplifies/reveals/re-
creates/anticipates
28. The image of the _____ in lines ____ is that of both a
29. All of the following convey a striking visual effect produced by the _____ EXCEPT lines
30. "_____" (lines ____) emphasizes the _____'s
31. The final _____ line ("_____") suggest that _____ can
32. The last two lines of each stanza comprise
33. The tone of the speaker is best described as
34. In the context of the paragraph in which it appears, "_____" (line__) connotes all of the
following EXCEPT
35. The reference to "_____" (lines__) serves to introduce/comment/describe/present/establish

36. In lines ____ ("_____"), the narrator is most concerned with providing a sense of the
37. The use of the word "_____" in lines __ and __ serves to disparage/emphasize/convey/point out/suggest
38. Lines ____ imply that "_____" likely experienced feelings of
39. Lines ____ ("_____") serve to emphasize/link/signal/develop/juxtapose
40. The two views described in line ____ can be characterized as
41. In the _____ paragraph, the response of the ____ to the _____ is best described as
42. The phrase "_____" (line __) emphasizes which quality of the _____?
43. Which of the following best describes how _____ regards his own situation?
44. The tone of the last paragraph is best described as
45. Which of the following happens at the end of the passage?
46. The speaker's question in line__ is justified based on the logic of
47. In line __, the speaker refers to one who
48. In context, "_____" (line__) most nearly mean
49. The second stanza (lines _____) suggests the relationship between
50. Which of the following best paraphrases lines _____?
51. The "_____" (line __) refers to the _____'s
52. In lines _____, the speaker explains that he would have
disrespected/disappointed/demeaned/denied/shortchanged
53. In the final stanza (lines _____), the speaker claims that he will support/maintain/win/revel/try
54. In the final stanza (lines _____), the speaker's attitude toward his situation is best described as
55. The poem can best be described as the speaker's attack/plea/lament/argument/defense

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A Dialogue Between the Soul and Body -- Andrew Marvell (1621-1678) Questions 1 - 13
A selection from *Tradition and the Individual Talent* -- T.S. Eliot (1888-1965) Questions 14 - 29
Advice to the Prophet - Richard Wilbur (1959) Questions 30 - 42
Walden by Henry David Thoreau -- Chapter 13 - *House-Warming*(1817-1862) Questions 43 - 55

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Their Eyes Were Watching God (selection) - Zora Neale Hurston (1937) Questions 1 - 15
The First Epistle of the Second Book of Horace, imitated (selection) - Alexander Pope (1688 - 1744)
Questions 16 - 32
Meditation VI - John Donne (1572 - 1631) Questions 33 - 46
The Eolian Harp - Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834) Questions 47 - 61

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White Noise (selection) - Don DeLillo - 1985 -- Questions 1 - 15
Richard II, Act V, scene v - Shakespeare - 1564 -1616 - Questions 16 - 29
Lady with A Falcon - May Sarton - 1978 - Questions 30 - 38
Mountain Beauty - John Ruskin - 1819 -1900 - Questions 39 - 53

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Go Tell It on the Mountain (selection) - James Baldwin (1924 - 1987) Questions 1 - 14
My Picture - Abraham Cowley - 1656 - Questions 15 - 28
Vanity Fair (selection) - William Makepeace Thackeray - 1811 - 1863 Questions 29 - 40
A Whippoorwill in the Woods - Amy Clampitt - 1990 - Questions 41 - 55

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The Decay of Lying - Oscar Wilde - 1891 - Questions 1 - 13
I dreaded that first Robin - Emily Dickinson - 1862 - Question 14 - 25
Volpone - Ben Jonson - 1601 Questions 26 - 34
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according	4	4					
as a whole	3			4		2	
author	5		1			1	1
best	18	12	6	11	8	9	11
best be described	2	1		1	1		1
best characteristic (ized)		1		1			
best contrast	1						
best conveys						1	1
best defines				1			1
best describe(s)	7	3	2	3	2	1	3
best described	1	3	1	1	1	4	4
best interpreted (as) to mean		2	2	2	2		
best paraphrases (ed)	1			2	1		1
best read	1						
best restates	1		1				
best sums	1	0					
best taken to mean		1					
best understood	3	1			1	2	
best viewed						1	
contrast(s)	2		1	1	2	2	
effect(s)(ively)	3		1	4	2	2	2
express(es)(ed)/expression	2		1	2	2	1	
function(s)	2	1	2	2	2	1	1
image(s)/imagery	2	1	1	1	3	1	1
implicit	1						
imply/implies	3	1	3	1	2	1	1
in context	1	3	1	2		3	2
indicate(s)	1	1	1			1	
infer(red)		3	1	1	2	1	
irony/ironic(ally)			1	3		1	
literally	1						
mean(s)/meaning/meant	3	4	4	5	5	3	2
metaphor(s)/metaphorical(ly)	4	1			1		2

narrator				3	2	4	1
paraphrase(s)(ed)	1			2	1		1
personified/personification				1		1	
phrase(s)	6	6	2	7	1	2	1
primary	1		1		2		
primary purpose							1
purpose			1	1		1	
refers (red)/reference	6	4	4	5	5	5	5
relationship	1	1		1		1	2
speaker	8	21	11	12	8	12	12
suggest/suggesting/suggestion	5	5		4	4	11	6
syntax	1						
tone	1	1	1	1			3
which	25	17	15	15	13	14	17
which of the following	21	17	14	15	13	11	12

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adjective modifying/1987
adverb modifying/1987
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Amassment of imagery to convey a sense of chaos/1991
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anecdote/1987/1999/2004
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antithesis/1999/2009
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appositive/1999
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abject	capricious
admonition	chaos
admonition	charlatans
adversity	chastise
advocacy	chastisement
alienated	chronic
alienation	chronicles
altered	circumspect
altruism	clamorous
ambiguity	complicated
ambivalence	composure
ambivalence	compulsion
ambivalent	conceited
ambivalent	conciliatory
amorous	concomitants
amorphous	condemnation
analogous	condescending
animistic	condescension
annihilation	confinement
antiromantic	congenital
apologetic	consolation
arbiter	constraints
ardor	contemplation
arrogant	contemplation
artificiality	contemporaneity
ascetic	contentment
assail	contradict
assuaging	contradictory
assumption	conventional
astuteness	convinced
aura	convivial
aura	corruptible
autonomy	criteria
awe	cultivated
balanced sentence (vocabulary/grammar)	cynical
berating	cynical
biases	cynicism
brevity	deceptive
brevity	dedication
brilliant	deem
cajoles	defensible
camaraderie	defiance
candidly	deliberate

delicacy
deluded
delusions
demeaning
denigrating
deposition
deprivation
derives
despicable
despondency
desultory
detachment
deterred
devious
devout
dictates
didactic
didactic
didactic
digression
digression
dilemma
discretion
discriminate
disdain
dismayed
disparate
dissipation
diversions
duality
duplicious
dwindles
dynamic
efficacy
egotism
elegant
elusive
enchanting
enigma
ennobles
enumerate
ephemeral
epigrammatic

epiphany
epitomizes
equivocating
exhaust
exhortation
exploited
exposition
expounds
exultation
facade
fallibility
feigned
ferocity
fluctuating
foreboding
fraudulence
frigid
frivolity
functional
futility
glee
gluttony
Golden Rule
gratification
gullible
habitually
hackneyed
haphazard sentence that scrambles and repeats its topics
(vocabulary/grammar)
hypocritical
hypocritical
hysterical
idiosyncratic
idolatrous
idyllic
illustrate
immobility
impartial
impassive
impede
impingement
impish
implication

implications	meditation
implicitly	meditation
inclination	melancholy
incomprehensible	melancholy
incongruous	menace
inconsequential	mendacious
inconspicuous	meticulous
incorrigible	meticulousness
indignant	mirthful
Industrial Revolution	misconstrued
industriousness	mocks
industriousness	modifies (vocabulary/grammar)
ineffectual	molded
inexplicable	monotony
inherently	moral purpose
insensitivity	moralist
insights	murmuring
insistent	muse
instability	naïveté
intact	naïveté
integral	negligible
integrity	nostalgic
interrelated impressions	oblique
interrogation	obsessed
intervening	obsession
intuitive	obsolete
invariably	ominous
ironic	ominous
ironic	omnipotence
irrelevant	oppressively
irrepressible	optimism
irresistible	optimistic
irreverent	ostentation
justification	overweening
justification	pace
liturgies	paradoxical
lustrous	pastoral
lute	pastoral
lyrical	patriarch
Maladies	pedantic
malady	perceive
malicious	perception
meditation	permanence

philistinism	rollicking
Physic	ruefully
pinnacles	ruination
pious	salvage
piousness	sarcasm
pitiable	sarcasm
plight	sarcastic (vocabulary/devise)
plight	scathingly
pompous	scorn
possessive pronoun (vocabulary/grammar)	seclusion
pragmatic	seditionsness
precariously	seductiveness
precision	segregation
predictable	self-awareness
pristine	self-deluded
proWess	self-demeaning
pulsating	self-effacement
quarry	self-indulgence
quasi-religious	self-respect
rabble	sensuality
recapitulate	sensuousness
reckless	sentimental
recluse	sentimental
reclusive	serendipitous appeal
reclusive	shift in tense (vocabulary/grammar)
refute	sinister
relevant	sinister
remorse	smug
remoteness	solace
remoteness	solitude
renounce	somber
repentant	somber
repetition	soothe
repressing	sophistication
reproof	sterile
resentment	stylistic
resignation	subtlety
retribution	subtly
rhetoric	subvert
rhymesters	summarize
ridicule	supercilious
ridicule	superficiality
ridiculous	suppress

susceptible
syntactically complex (vocabulary/grammar)
systematically
tactfulness
tactile
talon
tedious
temperamental
temporal
tentative
testy
the Golden Age
the Iron Age
the Renaissance
timid
tranquility
tranquility
transience
trite
trivial
triviality
trivializes
ultimatum
understated
undiscriminating
unique
unwavering
vanity
vengefulness
vexes
Victorian
vindictive
vivid
volcanic
whimsical
witty repartee