

POETRY TEST - ADVANCED

1. If you take the _____ meaning of a sentence, then you take it for what it means word for word with no interpretation.
 2. "That crazy cat can kill a lot of carp" is an example of _____.
 3. A good _____ would be: her new fingernails were daggers on the ends of her hands.
 4. A seventeen syllable three-line poem about nature is called a _____.
 5. A(n) _____ is a line or group of lines repeated at a regular interval throughout a poem.
 6. He smells like a bowl of a rotting fish is an example of a(n) _____.
 7. "There are ants in my pants" is an example of a(n) _____.
 8. The _____ meaning of a sentence means that it does not need to be taken word for word but may be creatively interpreted.
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"Annabel Lee"

9. Using the tone of the writing, which of the following **SIMILES** could have been in the poem?
 - a. The Angels were angry sky goblins raining down hate upon Annabel Lee & Dude
 - b. Dude was as crazy as Mr. Broviak after a class period of nothing but talky kids
 - c. Annabel Lee's family buried her in the ground like a flagpole on the Fourth of July
 - d. The wind hit Dude and killed him like a linebacker tackling a mannequin stuffed with kittens
 - e. All of these SHOULD have been in the poem because they're beautiful and make it better
10. What lines in the poem are an allusion (literary reference) to **fairy tales**?
 - a. I was a child and she was a child in this kingdom by the sea
 - b. It was many and many a year ago in this kingdom by the sea
 - c. So that her highborn kinsman came and bore her away from me
 - d. And so all the night-tide I lay down by the side of my darling, my bride
 - e. None of these are a proper allusion to fairy tales

"Caterpillar"

11. What other poem that you had to read on your own for this test shared a similar **THEME** to caterpillar about both EATING things AND not being scared of threats?

"Giant Thunder"

12. What words in the poem demonstrate **personification**?
13. According to the poem, we know that the coal from the fire represents lightning in the sky. So then, what would the overturned cooking pot represent in the metaphor?

"Binky Barnes"

14. Using TEN WORDS or less, why is the end of this poem ironic?

"Comparing Two Things"

15. **WHY** are the two nouns being compared in this simile?
After eating all of his Halloween candy in a single night, the small child was like a tornado of arms and legs and energy throughout the house.

“Custard the Dragon”

16. Why is the character of Custard a good example of irony in the poem?
17. Using the tone of the writing, which of the following **SIMILES** could have been in the poem?
- The dragon was as brave as a giant lizard facing down Captain Jack Sparrow
 - The dragon was a bowl of jiggly jello when the pirate attacked
 - The house was as large as a mansion filled with a zoo of little creatures
 - The pirate was as scary as a monster coming out of a child’s closet
18. What would be the **BEST theme** of the poem (thing we learn)?
- Pirates can be dangerous
 - Be careful of angry dragons
 - You shouldn’t bully others
 - Only bully weak, cowardly people
 - People should never drink old pirate beer before trying to fire hand cannons at attacking oversized land lizards that have been harassed by tiny house pets.
19. What **TWO NOUNS** are being compared in the simile in line 40 (never use pronouns)?

“Jabberwocky”

20. What weapon does the boy use when he goes out to slay the Jabberwock?
21. Which of the following is the best interpretation of the following line:
And the mome raths outgrabe.
- And the colorful birds sang.
 - And the big turtles swam.
 - And the small ducks sing.
 - And the mommy rats gargled.
 - Any of the above could logically work.

“The Listeners”

22. In both line 7 & 25 of the poem, it says the Traveler “smote” the door. From what we know happens in the poem, which definition works best for “smote”.
- Opened it
 - Pounded on it
 - Listened to it
 - Gently felt it
23. What are the birds flying out of the building supposed to indicate to the reader about the building?
24. What is the **BEST** guess as to who or what the “Listeners” are in the poem?

“Richard Cory”

25. What **emotion** or **feeling** do the speaker in “Richard Cory” and the angels from “Annabel Lee” have in common?
26. How does this poem demonstrate **IRONY**?

That Poem was a Killer ☺

Match each character to their description.

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| 27. Annabel Lee | a. | Dies from being outside when it is cold |
| 28. Richard Cory | b. | Dies after trying to attack a little girl and her animal friends |
| 29. Jabberwock | c. | Dies after not being able to deal with stress of social position |
| 30. Caterpillar | d. | Dies and is “resurrected” in another form |
| 31. Pirate | e. | Dies after a boy with a magical sword invades its forest home |

“Birdfoot’s Grampa”

32. What opinion does Birdfoot have about his Grampa stopping the car in the poem?
33. What is **ONE** of the two things the toads are compared to in the two metaphors in the poem?
34. What is the best message the poem is trying to give us about life and nature?
- All life matters, no matter how small
 - Don’t abuse small creatures
 - Rain shouldn’t stop good deeds
 - It is not nice to destroy the small creatures
 - Never trust an old man in the rain. Or ever, actually. Especially ones with beards. Or crazy hair. Well, maybe just don’t trust humans. Except for Franky. I like that guy. Trust him.

“Particle Man”

35. Which character is never bullied because of his self-confidence and strength?
36. What character trait do both Particle Man and Person Man share that makes them a target of the bully, Triangle Man?

“Rhyme Scheme”

37. What is the rhyme scheme for lines 1-5 of THE LISTENERS?

“A Choice of Weapons”

38. Which weapon mentioned in this poem is used by Triangle man in the poem, “Particle Man”?
39. Aside from this poem and “Particle Man”, what other poem has a similar theme about “bullying”?

“Casey at the Bat”

40. Why is Casey’s “striking out” considered to be “ironic” in this poem?
- He strikes out all the time when he is up to bat
 - He never even swings at the ball on any of the pitches
 - The awful players on the team actually hit the ball unlike him
 - Everyone was told ahead of time to yell at the umpire if he missed
 - This is an allusion to Greek Mythology that was mentioned in class about the minor god Caseyus who was known to smack flying white objects with broken tree limbs.
41. Using the tone of the writing, which of the following **SIMILES** could have been in the poem?
- The crowd was an angry mob at Walmart during Black Friday sales.
 - The batter, Jimmy Blake, was one of their best batters on the team.
 - The crowd loved Casey like Mr. Broviak loved taking B points from talky kids.
 - Casey’s last swing smashed the ball like a kid taking down a piñata at a birthday party.
 - This poem was as long as one of Mr. Broviak’s random answers on the Socratic quizzes where he just tries to babble to confuse and yet it entertains me more than it should and that was how this poem seemed to be because it was kinda fun but it just never stopped and kept going.

Haiku

42. What is wrong with the following haiku?

**The trees are pretty
I love the many dolphins
I once stepped in mud.**

43. Create the next two lines of the following haiku. Make sure to follow all haiku rules.

The trees are pretty

Magic Lens

44. What word in the sentence below does the adverb TONIGHT modify?

I will play Minecraft until my fingers curl up and fall off tonight.

45. There are THREE adjectives in this sentence, but TWO of them are both modifying the same noun. What are the **TWO adjectives that modify a single noun**. List both.

I will do my best to finish reading the book report book by Sunday if possible.

DOUBLE-CHECK ALL YOUR ANSWERS.