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QUESTION BANK

PAPER V: Nineteenth Century Poetry and Drama

SHORT QUESTIONS

1. What is the setting of the poem 'The Lady of Shallot'?
2. Write a short note on the character 'Ulysses'?
3. What is the tone of the poem 'Laboratory'?
4. What is the main theme of the poem 'The Last Ride Together'?
5. Point out any three major trends in writing of Nineteenth Century Literature?
6. Who is the main female character in Ibsen's Doll house?
7. What makes Oscar Wilde a great writer?
8. What is the central idea of the poem 'Lotus Eater'?
9. Describe the character of the Duke in the poem 'My Last Duchess'?
10. Why the poet calls the main Character as 'Blessed Damosel'?
11. Why is the garden forsaken in the poem 'A Forsaken Garden'?
12. What has made the women become so bitter in Browning's poem 'The Laboratory'?
13. Who is the writer of the poem 'Spring and Fall'?
14. What are the views of the poet regarding the 'Habit of Perfection'?
15. What is the theme of the poem Lotus eaters?
16. Why do the lotus eaters wish to resemble the gods?
17. How does the speaker describe the strange land in the lotus eaters?
18. What type of a poem is *The Last Ride Together*?
19. Explain the significance of the line from the poem 'Last Ride Together', "Whither life's flower is first discerned..." OR, What is here referred to by the speaker as "life's flower" and why?
20. Explain the last stanza of "Dover Beach" written by Matthew Arnold.
21. Write a short note on D.G Rossetti as a poet.
22. What do you understand by 'dramatic monologue'?
23. What is the main idea of the poem 'A forsaken Garden'?
24. Comment on the religious angle in Hopkins Poems?
25. What is the conclusion of the play 'A Doll's House'?

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. Explain in detail the main theme of the poem 'The Lotus Eater'?
2. How can you say that 'My Last Duchess' is a Dramatic Monologue?
3. Explain how does the speaker take resentment in the poem 'The Laboratory'?
4. Discuss in detail the unrealistic plot in the poem 'The lady of Shallot'?
5. Critically analyses the plot of 'The Forsaken Garden'?
6. What is the main idea of the poem 'There is None'?
7. Draw a character Sketch of the Duchess as according to the Duke that is presented in the poem 'My last Duchess'?
8. Comment on the background and the pensive tone of the poem 'Dover Beach'?
9. How is "Dover Beach" by Matthew Arnold a dramatic monologue?
10. In Matthew Arnold's "Dover Beach", what does the speaker urge in the last stanza, and why?
11. In the poem 'Blessed Damozel' - Who is suffering more —the damsel in heaven or her beloved back on Earth? How can you tell?
12. What is the main theme of the poem Blessed Damozel?
13. How can you say that the poem Blessed Damozel follows the pre-Raphaelite movement?
14. What is the paradox of life as suggested in the poem Blessed Damozel that is discussed in the poem?
15. Critically appreciate Tennyson's poem 'Ulysses'?
16. Discuss 'Thyrsis' as a pastoral elegy?
17. Draw a character sketch of Mrs Erlynne in the play?
18. What gender issues are raised in Ibsen's play 'A Doll's House'?
19. What are the features of pastoral elegy? Refer to the poems that you have read?
20. Hopkins poems are imbued with spirituality. Comment on this statement.
21. What is the protagonist suggesting in the poem 'Ulysses' that resonates with the human spirit?
22. Comment on the theme of love and loss in the poem 'The last Ride Together'?
23. What is the main theme of Hopkin's Poem 'The Habit of Perfection and No Worst'?
24. Draw an estimate of Oscar Wild as a dramatist?
25. 'Lady Windermere's Fan' is a true mirror of nineteenth century social life, comment and supports your answer with examples from the text.