Semester Exam 2 Study Guide

Renaissance

1. Why did King James sponsor a new translation of the Bible?
2. Which translation of the Bible did Shakespeare quote in his plays?
3. What is a parable?
4. What kind of poetry is Paradise Lost?
5. What makes Paradise Lost an epic? (What are the characteristics of an epic?)
6. In Paradise Lost (PL), what did Satan do that caused God to hurl him to Earth?
7. In PL, after Satan has been thrown from Heaven, what does he see now as his eternal task?
8. What is an allegory?
9. In The Faerie Queen, each of the 12 book’s main characters are named after what?
10. What is noteworthy about A Pilgrim’s Progress?
11. Who is the main character in John Bunyan’s A Pilgrim’s Progress?
12. What significant impact did Bacon make on culture?
13. For which axioms is Bacon known?
14. Which ancient Greek philosopher held the same view as Bacon, believing that education comes from questioning?
15. In Bacon’s “Of Studies,” when Bacon discusses pruning natural abilities like one must prune natural plants, what figure of speech is he using?
16. In Bacon’s “Of Studies,” of what is the following sentence an example? “Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.

Hamlet

17. When is the first time in the play that Hamlet reveals he is not happy with his life?
18. For what reason does Laertes warn Ophelia to guard her heart against Hamlet?
19. What truth does Hamlet learn from his father’s ghost?
20. What does Hamlet tell Ophelia that changes her life?
21. How does Ophelia die?
22. What are the gravediggers discussing about Ophelia?
23. In his most famous soliloquy, Hamlet says that dying is like what?
24. The phrase “what dreams may come” in Hamlet’s speech refer to what?
25. In Hamlet’s soliloquy, the “undiscovered country” refers to what?
26. Who gives the advice, “To the own self be true”?
27. Who says “Frailty, thy name is woman”?
28. Who says “The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, Grapple them unto thy soul with hoops of steel.”

Restoration/18th century
29. What labels are attached to the Restoration/18\textsuperscript{th} century time period?
30. How was Restoration England similar to ancient Rome?
31. What influenced the “polite” society of England during the 18\textsuperscript{th} century?
32. In the 18\textsuperscript{th} century, how did society’s questions change?
33. What was the role of poetry during the 18\textsuperscript{th} century?
34. What is an elegy?
35. What is a novel?
36. What is an ode?
37. What is satire?
38. What is verbal irony?
39. What is situational irony?
40. What is dramatic irony?
41. Why is \textit{Gulliver’s Travels} considered an allegory?
42. What do satirists omit from their discussion?
43. What is the role of exaggeration in satire?
44. What is the term for a “wildly extravagant exaggeration”?
45. What is the function of understatement in satire?
46. What is the topic of Swift’s “A Modest Proposal”?
47. How does Swift propose that more money reach the Irish people?
48. What are logical appeals for persuasion?
49. What are emotional appeals for persuasion?
50. What are ethical appeals for persuasion?
51. What distinction does Pope hold, second to Shakespeare?
52. What is the difference between a diary and a journal?
53. What kind of source is Pepys’ diary?
54. What 2 writers of the 18\textsuperscript{th} century helped reestablish Shakespeare’s reputation?

55. Which of the following poets was a friend of Percy Shelley and spent a summer in Switzerland with he and his wife?
56. Which of the following poets eloped with his best friend’s 16-year-old sister, was expelled from Oxford, and left his wife to be with Mary Wollstonecraft?
57. In Robert Burns’ lyric, “Auld Lang Syne,” what is the primary question he is asking?
58. When is “Auld Lang Syne” traditionally sung?
59. What does “Kubla Khan” have in common with \textit{Frankenstein}?
60. In what poem are the lines “Water, water, everywhere/ Nor any drop to drink”?
61. How is “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner” organized?
62. What does the “albatross around the neck” symbolize?
63. Which of the following is part of the penance the mariner must pay for his mistake?
64. What is the message (moral) of “Ozymandias”?
65. How did Romantic poets differ from Restoration poets?
66. What was the intention of the “gothic” in the Romantic period?
67. How is \textit{Frankenstein} organized?
68. What is Walton’s chief concern?
69. Who narrates \textit{Frankenstein}?
Victorian Period

70. By 1900, how big was the British Empire?
71. What was the economic state of the British Empire when Queen Victoria began her reign?
72. Who did the artists in the Victorian period model their work after?
73. Who was the most important novelist of the Victorian period?
74. Describe what kind of play IBE?
75. On what does IBE rely on for most of its humor?
76. A writer’s choice and arrangement of words is called what?
77. How is *dues ex machina* used in IBE?
78. In order to save Earnest from Gwendolyn, Cecily serves her cake and sugared tea. Of what comedic device is this an example?

20th century

79. In what year did Queen Victoria’s reign end?
80. Which British colonies gained their independence in the first decade of the 20th century?
81. Which “House” ruled Britain in the 20th century?
82. Who was the British Prime Minister during World War II?
83. In what genre have the British excelled since the 1960s?
84. What name did W. H. Auden give the era in which he wrote?
85. On what is the moral code in Utopia based?
86. Why is the use of soma encouraged?
87. What is the role of history in Utopia?
88. What is the role of recreation in Utopia?
89. What is the role of solitude in Utopia?
90. What is the role of God in Utopia?
91. How is human reproduction controlled in Utopia?
92. What is Huxley main theme in Brave New World?
93. What kind of government does Huxley fear?
94. What is the planetary motto of Utopia?
95. Brave New World sacrifices truth and beauty for what?
96. On what is the social order of Utopia based?
97. Who is the deity-type figure revered by the Utopians?
98. Why can Helmholtz not understand Shakespeare’s writings?
99. Because they do not conform to Utopian standards of behavior, what happens to Bernard and Helmholtz?
100. How do the Utopians achieve universal happiness and stability?
101. When Mond points out to John that the right to be unhappy includes senility, sickness, hunger, pain, and fear, what does John do?
102. What does John believe about life in Brave New World?

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