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Who is known as a 'Wessex writer'?

- William Wordsworth
- Charles Dickens
- Henry James
- Thomas Hardy

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The meaning of the word 'renowned' is _____.

- feared
- scandalized
- respected
- famous

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Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is a fine example of _____.

- campus novel
- regional novel
- terror-mystery novel
- religious novel

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Name the American Professor who is a symbologist in Dan Brown's novel, *The Da Vinci Code*.

- Robert Redford
- Robert Langdon
- Robert Bosch
- Robert Frost

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Which of the following texts of Kalidasa in translation was received with applause by the Germans?

- Shakuntala
- Malavika and Agnimitra
- Urvashi
- Raghuvamsha

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R. K. Narayan's *Waiting for the Mahatma* deals with _____.

- the Second World War days
- the life in the Indian military
- the Partition Movement
- the Gandhian Freedom Struggle

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Which one of these was not awarded the Booker Prize?

- Inheritance of Loss*
- Midnight's Children*
- My Story*
- White Tiger*

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_____ is the first Indian to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature.

- Jawaharlal Nehru
- Mulk Raj Anand
- Rabindranath Tagore
- Swami Vivekananda

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Who among the following is not a Diaspora writer?

- Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- Rohinton Mistry
- Indra Sinha
- Jhumpa Lahiri

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The film, *Three Idiots*, is an adaptation of Chetan Bhagat's _____.

- The 3 Mistakes of My Life
- Five Point Someone
- One Night at the Call Centre
- Love, Corruption, Ambition

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The word 'cryptic' means _____.

- wandering
- secret
- minute
- incredible

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The Lorraine Hansberry play that has taken the title from a poem of Langston Hughes is _____.

- What Use are Flowers*
- A Raisin in the Sun*
- The Drinking Gourd*
- The Arrival of Mr. Todog*

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Thackeray's memorable character, Becky Sharp, appears in _____.

- The Rose and the Rings*
- Henry Esmond*
- Vanity Fair*
- The Virginians*

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Who is the architect of the 'Theatre of Cruelty'?

- Grotowski
- Eugene O'Neill
- Antonin Artaud
- Stanislavski

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Deepa Mehta's film, *Earth*, was an adaptation of Bapsi Sidhwa's novel, _____.

- The Pakistani Bride*
- Cracking India*
- The Crow Eaters*
- An American Brat*

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Which novel of Michael Ondaatje was made into an acclaimed film?

- In the Skin of a Lion*
- The English Patient*
- Anil's Ghost*
- Coming Through Slaughter*

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Who is the author of the poem, "Our Casuarina Tree"?

- Rabindranath Tagore
- Toru Dutt
- Sarojini Naidu
- Manmohan Ghose

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The famous character of R.K. Narayan called, 'Railway Raju', appears in _____.

- The Guide*
- Mr. Sampath*
- The Financial Expert*
- The Man-Eater of Malgudi*

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H.G. Wells is known for his contribution to the field of _____.

- Science fiction
- Comedy
- Historical fiction
- Picaresque fiction

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The Indian writer short listed for the Booker prize for his/her novel, *Narcopolis*, is _____.

- Kiran Desai
- Esther David
- Jeet Thayil
- Vikram Kapur

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What are the two cities portrayed by Dickens in *A Tale of Two Cities*?

- Paris and London
- Paris and New York
- Paris and Moscow
- Paris and Sydney

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_____ is he in Mumbai than he calls his old schoolmate, Samson.

- Whenever
- As soon as
- No sooner
- While

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Which of the following plays is considered as the first of the genre, 'Kitchen sink realism'?

- The Glass Menagerie
- Doll's House
- All My Sons
- Look Back in Anger

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Who does not belong to the 'Confessional group' of poets?

- Sylvia Plath
- Emily Dickinson
- Anne Sexton
- Robert Lowell

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George Eliot's character, named, Dr. Edward Casaubon, appears in _____.

- Adam Bede*
- Middlemarch*
- Silas Marner*
- The Mill on the Floss*

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Which of the following linguists is a social activist, as well?

- Daniel Jones
- Noam Chomsky
- David Crystal
- Charles Peirce

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Which poem of Sylvia Plath has an elegiac tone?

- 'Mirror'
- 'The Applicant'
- 'Daddy'
- 'Child'

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Who is the author of the work, *The Birth of Tragedy*?

- Wilson Knight
- George Steiner
- Jean Paul Sartre
- Friedrich Nietzsche

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Name the Roman theoretician who wrote *Institutio Oratoria*, that emphasizes the need for translation to improve a young man's oratorical skills.

- Longinus
- Horace
- Cicero
- Quintilian

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Whose translation was the first English Bible in the early modern period?

- Taverner
- Matthew
- Coverdale
- Tyndale

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The Maxim, "Big Brother is watching you," is ubiquitous in George Orwell's _____.

- The Road to Wigan Pier
- Coming up for Air
- 1984
- Animal Farm

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Who made the observation, "Better a live sparrow than a stuffed eagle," about the translation of Omar Khayyam's *Rubaiyat*?

- Arnold
- Longfellow
- Fitzgerald
- Rossetti

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He was deluded by the _____ who claimed he could cure all diseases with his miracle machine.

- salesman
- doctor
- inventor
- charlatan

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Who is the author of *Seven Types of Ambiguity*?

- I.A. Richards
- William Empson
- F.R. Leavis
- Allen Tate

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We must adapt ourselves _____ our circumstances.

- in
- by
- to
- with

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The Mill on the Floss is a tragic story of _____.

- a brother and a sister
- a husband and a wife
- two sisters
- two brothers

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Who has depicted Parsi culture in his/her works?

- Rohinton Mistry
- M.G. Vassanjee
- Michael Ondaatje
- Uma Parameshwaran

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Match the writer with the movement.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| I. Nathaniel Hawthorne | A. Black Mountain School |
| II. T.S. Eliot | B. Beat Poetry |
| III. Robert Creeley | C. Modernism |
| IV. Allen Ginsberg | D. Transcendentalism |

- I-A; II-B; III-C; IV-D
- I-B; II-A; III-D; IV-C
- I-C; II-D; III-A; IV-B
- I-D; II-C; III-A; IV-B

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The 'Skopos theory' was introduced by _____.

- Reiss
- Vermeer
- Goethe
- Steiner

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Identify the text authored by Jawaharlal Nehru.

- My Life: A Fragment*
- The Story of My Experiments with Truth*

The Discovery of India

Gandhi and Lenin

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The method of replacing one word class with another without changing the meaning is called _____.

Transposition

Loan words

Modulation

Calque

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Who suggested 'Imitation' also as a method in Translation?

Pope

Tytler

Johnson

Dryden

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The critic known for his work on 'ambiguity' is _____.

Robert Penn Warren

William Empson

Cleanth Brooks

Allen Tate

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The play that portrays the travails of Willy Loman is _____.

August Wilson's *Fences*

Sam Shepard's *Buried Child*

Eugene O'Neill's *Emperor Jones*

Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*

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Which Indian American writer won the Pulitzer for her collection of short stories?

Jhumpa Lahiri

Meena Alexander

- Anita Desai
- Kiran Desai

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Who coined the term, 'theatre of the absurd'?

- Raymond Williams
- Edward Albee
- Samuel Beckett
- Martin Esslin

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Who established the 'theatre of the oppressed' in the west?

- Augusto Boal
- Bertolt Brecht
- Jean Cocteau
- Alfred Jarry

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Who said, "Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds"?

- Keats
- Coleridge
- Shelley
- Wordsworth

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Who is the author of the play, *The Dumb Dancer*?

- Asif Currimbhoy
- Badal Sircar
- Girish Karnad
- Vijay Tendulkar

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Name the first English Settlers on the East Coast of USA.

- Puritans
- Jesuits

- Catholics
- Methodists

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Arnold initiated the _____ method in literary criticism.

- analytical
- inductive
- touchstone
- deductive

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Who is the author of the novel, *Kanthapura*?

- Raja Rao
- R.K. Narayan
- Anita Desai
- Mulk Raj Anand

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The term 'Cultural Studies' was first used by _____.

- Stuart Hall
- Richard Hoggart
- Raymond Williams
- E.P.Thompson

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The United States of America is _____ that there are five time zones.

- too big
- much big
- so big
- very big

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Who was the first to expound the 'alienation effect' in theatre?

- Henrik Ibsen
- Emile Zola

- Arthur Miller
- Bertolt Brecht

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Nadine Gordimer is a _____.

- White Nigerian
- White South African
- South African
- Kenyan

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Who penned the lines: "It took dominion everywhere/The jar was gray and bare"?

- Yeats
- Wallace Stevens
- Tennyson
- Keats

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Name the Canadian novel that depicted the oppression of the Japanese in Canada during World War II.

- Obasan*
- Badlands*
- Stone Angel*
- The Robber Bride*

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The Hemingway novel that has the backdrop of the Spanish Civil War is _____.

- The Sun also Rises*
- Farewell to Arms*
- The Old Man and the Sea*
- For Whom the Bell Tolls*

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Ezra Pound defined the 'literary image' as _____.

- as a vehicle of connotation
- a presentation of an intellectual and emotional complex in an instant of time

- an invocation of sensations
- a representation of an emotional quotient

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What does Oedipus do at the end of the play, Oedipus Rex?

- He blinds himself.
- He becomes the king of the land.
- He marries his mother.
- He punishes his mother.

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"And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the floor". This line in Edgar Allen Poe's poem, "*The Raven*" is an example of _____.

- simile
- metaphor
- image
- synecdoche

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Sam Shepard's 'flying phobia' is the source for a character in the play _____.

- A Lie of the Mind
- Angel City
- Icarus's Mother
- Fool for Love

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Identify the film series based on David Morell's novel, First Blood and set in the backdrop of the Vietnam War.

- Terminator
- Star Wars
- Rambo
- True Lies

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Shobha De's *Speed Post* is written in the _____.

- poetic form
- graphic form

- epistolary form
- cubist form

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The comedy of menace was written in the _____.

- 18th century
- mid-twentieth century
- 19th century
- early 20th century

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The poet who has traced her life in a series of autobiographies is _____.

- Marianne Moore
- Rita Dove
- Maya Angelou
- Elizabeth Bishop

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Heart of Darkness is a novel by _____.

- Chinua Achebe
- Joseph Conrad
- Graham Greene
- Hart Crane

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Dattani's *Final Solutions* is a _____.

- farce
- political play
- modern tragedy
- comedy

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James Joyce is associated with the _____ type of writing.

- Stream of consciousness
- Gothic

- Picaresque
- Epistolary

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Who is the author of the work *Karukku*?

- Mahasweta Devi
- Sivakami
- Bama
- Imayam

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In grammar, the term 'concord' refers to _____.

- subject-verb agreement
- tense
- adjunct
- clause

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'Einstein is a great scientist' is an instance of _____ sentence.

- imperative
- exclamatory
- interrogative
- declarative

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Where are the vocal cords situated?

- trachea
- lungs
- glottis
- larynx

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What, according to Aristotle, is the soul of tragedy?

- Music
- Diction

- Plot
- Character

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Mr. Micawber is a character created by _____.

- T.S. Eliot
- R.L.Stevenson
- Charles Dickens
- William Shakespeare

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Manu Joseph has won the _____ for his work *Serious Men*.

- Man Booker Prize
- Man Asian Literary Prize
- The Hindu Literary prize
- Commonwealth Literary Prize

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Sri Aurobindo's *Savitri* is a retelling of the well-known legend of _____.

- Hiranya and Prahalatha
- Rama and Sita
- Satyavan and Savitri
- Shakuntala and Dushyant

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Which play has the following oft-quoted line "Cowards die many times before their deaths. The valiant never taste of death but once"?

- Julius Caesar
- Othello
- Hamlet
- Macbeth

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Who said, "All I want is to answer my blood direct"?

- W.H. Davis
- D.H. Lawrence

- W.H. Auden
- W.H. Hudson

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Who among the following is a well known Pre-Raphaelite poet?

- Robert Burns
- John Mac-Niece
- Christina Rossetti
- Lord Byron

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A happy ending was given to Shakespeare's King Lear by _____.

- Charles Macklin
- Peg Woffington
- Nahum Tate
- James Quin

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Name the novel that uses the backdrop of the Tuskegee Institute, the philosophy of Booker T. Washington, the ideology of the communist party and the issue of racism.

- Alice Walker's *The Color Purple*
- Saul Bellow's *Humboldt's Gift*
- James Baldwin's *Go Tell it on the Mountain*
- Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man*

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Who wrote 'Waverly Novels'?

- Hardy
- Scott
- Stevenson
- Meredith

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Which play of Christopher Marlowe deals with necromancy?

- Edward the Second
- Doctor Faustus

- Tamberlaine
- The Jew of Malta

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Who has authored works such as Reservation Blues, The Lone Ranger, and War Dances?

- Louise Erdrich
- Jeanette Armstrong
- Sherman Alexie
- Martin Espada

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Kavery Nambison's *The Scent of Pepper* is set in _____.

- Coorg
- Munnar
- Jammu
- Ooty

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The term 'communicative competence' was coined by _____.

- Noam Chomsky
- Del Hymes
- M.A.K. Halliday
- A.S. Hornby

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Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" consists of _____ parts.

- 8
- 5
- 7
- 6

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Who coined the term 'surrealism'?

- Andre Breton
- Alfred Jarry

- Benjamin Pret
- Guillaume Apollinaire

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Soft palate is also known as _____.

- glottis
- schwa
- velum
- food pipe

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African American criticism has rediscovered forgotten or marginalized _____.

- black writing
- African writing
- Caribbean writing
- American writing

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_____ won the Nobel prize in 1962.

- John Steinbeck
- William Faulkner
- Saul Bellow
- Sinclair Lewis

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_____ is the scientific study of signs in terms of language.

- Syntax
- Semiotics
- Stylistics
- Semantics

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In *The Fire and the Rain*, Girish Karnad draws upon a story from _____.

- The Mahabharata
- The Ramayana

- The Bhagavat Gita
- Shakuntala

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The river mentioned in Gita Mehta's *A River Sutra* is _____.

- Ganges
- Cauvery
- Mahanadi
- Narmada

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"My Last Duchess," is a poem by _____.

- Alfred Tennyson
- Robert Burns
- Mathew Arnold
- Robert Browning

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Who said that Shakespeare's Iago in *Othello* suffers from 'motiveless malignity'?

- S.T. Coleridge
- A.C. Bradley
- De Quincy
- Charles Lamb

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Which novel of Jane Austen begins with the famous statement, "It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife"?

- Sense and Sensibility
- Persuasion
- Pride and Prejudice
- Mansfield Park

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The name of _____ is associated with Immediate Constituent Analysis.

- Ferdinand de Saussure
- Noam Chomsky
- Umberto Eco
- Leonard Bloomfield