

Core-1

Short Questions:-

1. Who is the protagonist of "The Pardoner's Tale"?
2. What is the Pardoner's primary occupation?
3. What vice is the Pardoner known for preaching against?
4. What motivates the three rioters to seek out Death in the tale?
5. How do the rioters plan to confront Death?
6. What do the rioters find under the tree instead of Death?
7. What do the rioters decide to do with their newfound discovery?
8. What happens to the rioters by the end of the tale?
9. What moral lesson or message is conveyed in "The Pardoner's Tale"?
10. How does the tale illustrate the theme of greed?
11. Who is the main character and tragic hero of "Macbeth"?
12. What is the initial prophecy that the three witches give to Macbeth?
13. What is Lady Macbeth's role in her husband's rise to power?
14. Who is Banquo, and why is he important to the story?
15. How does Macbeth become the king of Scotland?
16. What is the significance of the ghost of Banquo in the play?
17. What role does ambition play in Macbeth's downfall?
18. Who ultimately defeats Macbeth, and how does it happen?
19. What is the thematic significance of the "Tomorrow, and tomorrow, and tomorrow" soliloquy?
20. How does Macbeth's character change throughout the course of the play?

Long questions:-

1. In what ways did the structure of an Elizabethan theatre, such as the Globe, influence the staging and performance of plays during the Elizabethan era? How did this architecture shape the audience's experience of the drama?
2. Examine the role of women in Elizabethan theatre. How were female characters portrayed, and were there any notable instances of cross-dressing actors? How did these factors reflect the social norms and expectations of the time?
3. Discuss the significance of Shakespeare's use of language and wordplay in his plays. How did his innovative use of language contribute to the enduring appeal of his works, and can you provide specific examples?
4. Analyze the concept of the "metaphysical poets" in British poetry. Who were some key poets associated with this movement, and what were the defining characteristics of their work? How did their poetry differ from the Elizabethan sonnet tradition?
5. Explore the themes of love and time in the poetry of John Donne and Andrew Marvell. How did these poets use these themes to convey complex philosophical ideas and emotions? Provide examples from their poems to illustrate your points.
6. How does Shakespeare use the imagery of autumn and twilight in Sonnet 73 to convey the themes of aging and the transience of life? Analyze the metaphorical significance of each of these elements and discuss how they contribute to the overall emotional impact of the poem.
7. Discuss the Pardoner's character in "The Pardoner's Tale." How does his personality and profession contribute to the story's themes of greed and hypocrisy?
8. Examine the relationship between the three rioters in the tale. How does their camaraderie and behavior evolve throughout the narrative, and what does it reveal about their characters?
9. Analyse the symbolism of the gold coins and death in the tale. How do these symbols interact to convey the central moral lesson, and what commentary do they provide on human nature?

10. The Pardoner is often considered one of Chaucer's most morally corrupt characters. How does Chaucer use satire and irony to criticize the Pardoner's actions and the Church's corruption during this period?
11. Discuss the role of irony in "The Pardoner's Tale." Explore the instances of dramatic irony, situational irony, and verbal irony, and how they contribute to the story's impact.
12. Analyse Lady Macbeth's character in "Macbeth." How does her ambition and manipulation of her husband drive the plot, and what are the consequences of her actions on both Macbeth and herself?
13. Examine the role of the supernatural in "Macbeth." How do the witches' prophecies and the appearance of Banquo's ghost affect the characters' choices and the unfolding of events in the play?
14. Explore the theme of power and its corrupting influence in "Macbeth." How does Macbeth's thirst for power lead to his downfall, and how does the play comment on the nature of political ambition?
15. Discuss the symbolism of blood in "Macbeth." How is blood used throughout the play, and what does it represent in terms of guilt, violence, and the characters' moral descent?
16. Shakespeare often explores the consequences of unchecked ambition in his plays. How does "Macbeth" illustrate the idea that ambition can lead to one's downfall, and what commentary does it provide on human nature?
17. Compare and contrast Macbeth's character at the beginning of the play with his character at the end. How does his journey from a loyal soldier to a ruthless tyrant reflect the themes of the play?
18. Discuss the role of fate and free will in "Macbeth." To what extent are the characters responsible for their actions, and how does the concept of destiny influence their decisions?
19. Examine the significance of the sleep motif in "Macbeth." How does the loss of sleep affect various characters, and what does it reveal about their psychological states and the consequences of their actions?
20. Illustrate "Sunne Rising" as a metaphysical poem