

Poetry Quiz
CP English 12

1. Who is the silent listener in “My Last Duchess?”
 - a. an agent representing the father of the woman the Duke hopes to marry
 - b. an agent representing the family of the Duke's first wife
 - c. the artist who painted the picture
 - d. the Duke's relative

2. Which statement best sums up the answer to the speaker's question in “Sonnet 43?”
 - a. I love you with the passion of childhood.
 - b. I love you as a wife should love a husband.
 - c. I love you with all of my being.
 - d. I love you as a friend.

3. In “Dover Beach,” what is the speaker's opinion of the world?
 - a. It is an exciting, changing place.
 - b. It is a sad, confusing place.
 - c. It is a place where religious faith is the only path to happiness.
 - d. It is a place where violence occurs.

4. Which statement best expresses the theme of “Ah, Are You Digging on My Grave?”
 - a. Love never lasts.
 - b. Death comes unexpectedly.
 - c. We are never as important as we think we are.
 - d. Friendships last forever.

5. In “My Last Duchess,” what do the Duke's words reveal about his attitude toward his late wife?
 - a. He loved her with great passion and devotion.
 - b. He was jealous and treated her like a possession.
 - c. He loved her in a friendly, open manner.
 - d. He loved her like a husband should love a wife.

6. What does the speaker in “Dover Beach” urge to help make life more bearable?
 - a. Faith in progress can alleviate human misery.
 - b. Religious faith can help make life more bearable.
 - c. Faithfulness to one's love can make life more bearable.
 - d. Not having faith can make life more bearable.

7. According to “Sonnet 43,” love

- a. can survive death.
- b. involves loss.
- c. can consume the soul.
- d. is for the young.

8. “My Last Duchess” is an example of a

- a. dramatic monologue
- b. ballad
- c. free form
- d. haiku

9. Who is speaking to the dead woman in “Ah, Are You Digging on My Grave?”

- a. her husband
- b. her enemy
- c. her pet dog
- d. her children

10. The main purpose of “Sonnet 43” is to

- a. articulate the feelings of love.
- b. pay tribute to a lost lover.
- c. honor God.
- d. praise Grace.

11. The dialogue between the two contrasting voices in “Ah, Are you Digging on My Grave” is intended to create

- a. a metaphor
- b. a simile
- c. irony
- d. hyperbole

12. What changes occur in “Dover Beach” that helps to understand the theme?

- a. narrator
- b. setting
- c. character
- d. mood

13. In “My Last Duchess,” what does the Duke say was one of the faults of the Duchess?

- a. She was a snob.
- b. She hated him.
- c. She smiled too much.
- d. She was never impressed.

14. What idea is highlighted by the repetition of the phrase “I love thee” in “Sonnet 43?”
- The speaker is trying to convince someone of her love.
 - The repetition stresses the breadth of the speaker’s love
 - The phrase is used ironically to show that the speaker really doesn’t care.
 - The words are repeated to form a refrain.
15. What does “The Sea of Faith” in “Dover Beach” symbolize?
- a world without hope
 - Aegean Sea
 - Unwavering belief
 - Religion
16. In “Ah, Are You Digging on My Grave,” what do the visitor’s responses suggest?
- Her family misses her.
 - Her family visits her frequently.
 - She is loved by all her relatives.
 - She has been forgotten because life goes on after death.
17. The Duke in “My Last Duchess” says he will never
- love
 - stoop
 - hate
 - fear
18. What reason does the visitor have for being at the grave of the mistress in “Ah, Are You Digging on My Grave?”
- The visitor misses the mistress.
 - The visitor wanted to plant flowers.
 - The visitor was burying a bone.
 - The visitor was angry with the mistress.
19. In “Sonnet 43,” what question does the speaker ask?
- In how many ways do I love you?
 - Do you love me?
 - Why do you make me feel this way?
 - Should I love you?
20. What word best describes the speaker in “Dover Beach?”
- Enthusiastic
 - Hopeful
 - Pessimistic
 - Tranquil