

Here are the **Top 100 English Literature Questions**, organized into major categories such as literary forms, authors, movements, and major works. These questions are suitable for school and college students, UGC NET, UPSC, SSC, or any literature enthusiast preparing for competitive exams or academic pursuits.



A. Literary Forms & Genres (1–20)

1. What is literature?
2. What are the major genres of literature?
3. What is the difference between prose and poetry?
4. What is a novel?
5. What is a short story?
6. What is drama?
7. What is a tragedy?
8. What is a comedy?
9. What is a sonnet?
10. What is an epic?
11. What is a ballad?
12. What is an elegy?
13. What is an ode?
14. What is a satire?
15. What is allegory in literature?
16. What is a narrative poem?
17. What is stream of consciousness?

18. What is the difference between autobiography and biography?
 19. What is a soliloquy?
 20. What is blank verse?
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B. Famous Authors & Poets (21–40)

21. Who is William Shakespeare?
22. Who is Geoffrey Chaucer?
23. Who is John Milton?
24. Who is William Wordsworth?
25. Who is Samuel Taylor Coleridge?
26. Who is Percy Bysshe Shelley?
27. Who is John Keats?
28. Who is Lord Byron?
29. Who is Charles Dickens?
30. Who is Thomas Hardy?
31. Who is George Orwell?
32. Who is Jane Austen?
33. Who is Emily Brontë?
34. Who is Charlotte Brontë?
35. Who is Oscar Wilde?
36. Who is T.S. Eliot?

- 37. Who is W.B. Yeats?
 - 38. Who is Rabindranath Tagore?
 - 39. Who is Ernest Hemingway?
 - 40. Who is Virginia Woolf?
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C. Major Works & Plot-Based Questions (41–60)

- 41. What is the theme of *Hamlet*?
- 42. What is the plot of *Macbeth*?
- 43. What is the significance of *Paradise Lost*?
- 44. What is the summary of *Pride and Prejudice*?
- 45. What is *A Tale of Two Cities* about?
- 46. Who are the main characters in *Wuthering Heights*?
- 47. What is the message of *Animal Farm*?
- 48. What is the central theme of *The Waste Land*?
- 49. What is the story of *Jane Eyre*?
- 50. What is *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* about?
- 51. What happens in *Othello*?
- 52. What is the role of the witches in *Macbeth*?
- 53. What are the major themes in *Great Expectations*?
- 54. What is *To the Lighthouse* about?
- 55. What are the themes of *The Old Man and the Sea*?

56. What is *Ulysses* by James Joyce about?
57. What is the meaning of *Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night*?
58. What is *Daffodils* by Wordsworth about?
59. What is the moral of *The Merchant of Venice*?
60. What is the theme of *The Road Not Taken*?
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D. Literary Devices & Techniques (61–75)

61. What is a metaphor?
62. What is a simile?
63. What is personification?
64. What is irony?
65. What is imagery in literature?
66. What is symbolism?
67. What is alliteration?
68. What is assonance?
69. What is onomatopoeia?
70. What is hyperbole?
71. What is an oxymoron?
72. What is a paradox?
73. What is enjambment?
74. What is foreshadowing?

75. What is tone and mood?



E. Literary Movements & Periods (76–85)

76. What is the Renaissance period in English literature?

77. What characterizes the Elizabethan Age?

78. What is the Metaphysical Poetry movement?

79. What is the Romantic Age in English literature?

80. What is the Victorian Age?

81. What is Modernism in literature?

82. What is Postmodernism?

83. What is the Enlightenment period in literature?

84. What is the Harlem Renaissance?

85. What is Realism in literature?



F. Indian & World Literature in English (86–95)

86. Who is R.K. Narayan?

87. What is the theme of *Swami and Friends*?

88. Who is Arundhati Roy?

89. What is *The God of Small Things* about?

90. Who is Salman Rushdie?

91. What is *Midnight's Children* about?
92. Who is Jhumpa Lahiri?
93. What is *The Namesake* about?
94. What is the contribution of Anita Desai?
95. Who are some notable African writers in English?
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G. Miscellaneous & Analytical Thinking (96–100)

96. How to analyze a poem?
97. What are the elements of a novel?
98. How is literature different from journalism?
99. What is the importance of theme in literature?
100. Why is literature important in society?
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