



Multiple-Choice Question Stems from the AP Literature Exam

1. What is the author's attitude toward the subject of the essay?
2. What is this passage about?
3. What does the phrase, _____, mean?
4. How would you characterize the style of the passage?
5. Which of the following best summarizes the main point in lines _____?
6. What is the main point in _____? (the passage, the 2nd paragraph, etc.)
7. How would you restate the meaning of _____?
8. How would you define the phrase _____?
9. What is the speaker's purpose in _____?
10. What thought is reflected in the allusion _____?
11. What is the tone of the passage?
12. How would you define the word _____?
13. How would you describe the diction and style of the passage?
14. In lines _____, what is the speaker asserting?
15. Why is _____ described as _____?
16. What is significant about the structure of sentence #_____ in lines _____?
17. In sentences _____, what contrasts are developed or implied?
18. In lines _____, why does the author pair quotations?
19. In lines _____, what is the effect of pairing quotations?
20. What is the dominant technique used in lines _____?
21. In lines _____, what is the effect of using a metaphor?
22. In lines _____, Juxtaposing _____ and _____ serves the purpose of_____.
24. By using the words _____, the speaker shows the belief that _____.
25. In lines _____, how is the speaker portrayed?

26. The shift in point of view from...has the effect of...
27. What is the theme of the ____ (e.g., second paragraph, whole piece)?
28. In lines ____, the passage shifts from ____ to ____.
29. Why does the author represent ____ as ____ in lines ____?
30. What is the purpose of the syntax in sentence _____?

Multiple-Choice Facts

1. **Answers usually fall into the following format:**
 - a. one answer is wrong
 - b. one answer is opposite
 - c. one answer is nearly correct
 - d. one answer is correct
2. **Types of Questions: Answering Multiple-Choice Poetry Questions**
 - a. questions on dramatic situation
 - b. questions on structure
 - c. questions on theme
 - d. questions on grammar and meaning of words
 - e. questions on images and figurative language
 - f. questions on diction
 - g. questions on tone, literary devices, and metrics
3. **Types of Questions: Answering Multiple-Choice Prose Questions**
 - a. questions on situation and content
 - b. questions on meaning of words or phrases
 - c. questions on grammar
 - d. questions on diction
 - e. questions on figurative language

- f. questions on structure
- g. questions on literary techniques
- h. questions on rhetoric
- i. questions on tone