

Příklady otázek – státní bakalářská zkouška z Britské literatury

1. Multiple-choice questions, T-F questions – examples

1. Shakespeare's sonnets are addressed to three people primarily. Which of these is **not** among them?
a. the Dark Lady b. the Rival Poet c. the Fellow Playwright d. the Fair Youth
2. "The Passionate Shepherd to his Love" was written by
a. Edmund Spenser b. William Shakespeare c. Thomas Wyatt d. Christopher Marlowe
3. Christopher Marlowe is the author of *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus*. T/F
4. Who is at the centre of *Lyrical Ballads*?
a. the powerful and aristocratic b. the powerless and dispossessed
5. In her works, Jane Austen attempted to portray
a. great historical movements b. nature and its splendour c. a part of contemporary society
6. "The Second Coming" by W.B. Yeats features apocalyptic vision. T/F

2. Open questions - examples

1. Explain the etymology (the meaning of the words) of the following sonnet sequence title: *Astrophil and Stella*. What does it indicate about the relationship between the protagonists?
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2. In John Keats's poem, "Ode to a Nightingale", the opening lines are "My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains// My sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk,// Or emptied some dull opiate to the drains". Which activity do the words 'Or emptied some dull opiate to the drains' refer to?
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3. Using complete sentences (min. 3), describe the theme(s) of "Churchgoing" by Philip Larkin.
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4. How does the short story "Eveline" by James Joyce develop the motif of claustrophobia?
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Multiple choice questions:

1. Upton Sinclair's 1906 novel *The Jungle* had a significant impact on
a. English wordstock. B. workplace safety legislation. c. the Modernist literary tradition.
2. Which is the least typical literary device associated with William Faulkner?
a. multiple narration b. linear chronology c. symbolism
3. Which of the following is the best summary of biological determinism as used in Naturalist fiction?
a. People's behaviour is often driven by instinct rather than free will.
b. Authors should get acquainted with biology and write about the animal kingdom.
c. People should be strong willed and determined.

Open questions:

1. How can *The Great Gatsby* be perceived as a perverted American Dream narrative?

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2. David Guterson wrote his most celebrated novel while teaching *To Kill a Mockingbird* to high school students. Does it show?

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