

Explore Novels, Society and History Class 10 MCQs

History Chapter 8 MCQs for CBSE Class 10

1) The novel first took firm root in England and _____. Novels began to be written from the seventeenth century, but they really flourished from the eighteenth century.

- a) Greece
- b) USA
- c) France
- d) Germany

Answer: (c)

2) Walter Scott remembered and collected popular _____ ballads which he used in his historical novels about the wars between clans.

- a) English
- b) Irish
- c) Welsh
- d) Scottish

Answer: (d)

3) People had easier access to books with the introduction of circulating libraries in _____.

- a) 1840
- b) 1740

- c) 1760
- d) 1750

Answer: Option (b)

4) In 1836 a notable event took place when _____ Pickwick Papers was serialised in a magazine. Magazines were attractive since they were illustrated and cheap.

- a) Charles Dickens's
- b) Richardson's
- c) Mark Twain's
- d) None of the above

Answer: Option (a)

5) Serialised is a format in which the story is published in instalments, each part in a new issue of a _____.

- a) novel
- b) newspaper
- c) journal
- d) None of the above

Answer: Option (c)

6) Tolstoy was a famous _____ novelist who wrote extensively on rural life and community.

- a) Russian
- b) British
- c) Italian
- d) French

Answer: Option (a)

7) _____ wrote about the terrible effects of industrialisation on people's lives and characters. His novel Hard Times (1854) describes Coketown, a fictitious industrial town, as a grim place.

- a) Mark Twain
- b) Charles Dickens
- c) Leo Tolstoy
- d) Henry Fielding

Answer: option (b)

8) Charles Dickens criticised not just the greed for profits but also the ideas that reduced _____ into simple instruments of production.

- a) technology
- b) cities
- c) machines
- d) human beings

Answer: Option (d)

9) Dickens focused on the terrible conditions of urban life under industrial capitalism. His _____ (1838) is the tale of a poor orphan who lived in a world of petty criminals and beggars.

- a) Oliver Twist
- b) Hard Times
- c) Germinal
- d) Pickwick Papers

Answer: Option (a)

10) Emile Zola's _____ (1885) on the life of a young miner in France explores in harsh detail the grim conditions of miners' lives. It ends on a note of despair

- a) Pickwick Papers
- b) Germinal
- c) Hard Times
- d) Tom Jones

Answer: Option (b)

11) The nineteenth-century British novelist Thomas Hardy, for instance, wrote about traditional _____ of England that were fast vanishing.

- a) aristocratic communities
- b) urban communities
- c) rural communities
- d) industrial communities

Answer: Option (c)

12) Mayor of Casterbridge was written by _____ in 1886. It is about Michael Henchard, a successful grain merchant, who becomes the mayor of the farming town of Casterbridge.

- a) Leo Tolstoy
- b) Charles Dickens
- c) Donald Farfrae
- d) Thomas Hardy

Answer: Option (d)

13) By the nineteenth century, images of _____ reading silently, in the privacy of the room, became common in European paintings.

- a) women
- b) men
- c) aristocrats
- d) monarchs

Answer: Option (a)

14) Rudyard Kipling wrote the famous book titled _____ in 1894.

- a) Jane Eyre
- b) Pride and Prejudice
- c) Jungle Book
- d) Treasure Island

Answer: Option (c)

15) _____ historical adventure novels for boys were also wildly popular during the height of the British empire. They aroused the excitement and adventure of conquering strange lands.

- a) R.L. Stevenson's
- b) Rudyard Kipling's
- c) Helen Hunt Jackson
- d) G.A. Henty's

Answer: Option (d)

16) It was only later, in the twentieth century, that writers like _____ (1857-1924) wrote novels that showed the darker side of colonial occupation.

- a) Daniel Defoe
- b) Joseph Conrad
- c) Robert Louis Stevenson
- d) Tolstoy

Answer: option (b)

17) The earliest novel in Marathi was Baba Padmanji's Yamuna Paryatan (1857), which used a simple style of storytelling to speak about the plight of _____.

- a) unemployed men
- b) orphans
- c) labourers
- d) widows

Answer: Option (d)

18) Chandu Menon wrote a delightful novel called Indulekha, published in 1889, was the first modern novel in _____.

- a) Malayalam
- b) Tamil
- c) Telugu
- d) Bengali

Answer: Option (a)

19) Kandukuri Viresalingam (1848-1919) wrote an original _____ novel called Rajasekhara Caritamu in 1878.

- a) Tamil
- b) Marathi
- c) Telugu
- d) Kannada

Answer: Option (c)

20) Durgeshnandini (1865) was the first novel written by _____.

- a) Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay
- b) Premchand
- c) Rabindranath Tagore
- d) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

Answer: Option (d)