

## Gibson's Employment Test—Knowledge of Literature

- 1) Who wrote *The Catcher in the Rye*?
- 2) Name five characters invented by William Shakespeare.
- 3) What is a hobbit?
- 4) What war did George Orwell write about in *Homage to Catalonia*?
- 5) For whom does the bell toll?
- 6) What are Joel Cairo and “the fat man” after?
- 7) How does Anna Karenina die? How does Emma Bovary die?
- 8) Name two novels by Stephen King.
- 9) Who is Hermione Granger?
- 10) Who wrote *To the Lighthouse* and *Mrs Dalloway*?

- 11) What is the Caldecott Award?
- 12) Who wrote *The Giving Tree* and *Where the Sidewalk Ends*?
- 13) What is Ender Wiggin famous for?
- 14) James and the Giant \_\_\_\_\_ by Roald \_\_\_\_\_.
- 15) Who wrote a) *Silent Spring*? b) *The End of Nature*? c) *Inconvenient Truth*?
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
- 16) What writer associated with the Washington Post has had unprecedented access to the White House since the 1980s? Hint: he co-wrote *All the President's Men*.
- 17) Who is Humbert Humbert's nemesis in *Lolita*? Hint: rhymes with "guilty".
- 18) "For a long time I went to bed early." Who starts his novel this way?
- 19) Who wrote a) *Midwives*? b) *My Sister's Keeper*? c) *Practical Magic*?
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)
- 20) What do Ansel Adams and Annie Liebovitz have in common?
- 21) Who wrote *A Time to Kill* and *The Firm*?

22) Using lines drawn from one column to the other, place the poet in his century:

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| --John Milton      | --14 <sup>th</sup> century |
| --Philip Larkin    | --19 <sup>th</sup> century |
| --Geoffrey Chaucer | --18 <sup>th</sup> century |
| --Tennyson         | --20 <sup>th</sup> century |
| --Alexander Pope   | --17 <sup>th</sup> century |

23) Why do some Sneetches feel superior to others?

24) Circle the names of the two surviving races in H. G. Wells's *The Time Machine*:

Morlocks      Ents      Yahoos      Eloi      Ewoks

25) Who wrote the following works?

- a) *Dead Souls*
- b) *The Wings of the Dove*
- c) *Love Medicine*
- d) *The Violent Bear it Away*
- e) *Tuesdays with Morrie*
- f) *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
- g) *Make Way for Ducklings*
- h) *The Runaway Bunny*
- i) *The World According to Garp*
- j) *The Origin of Species*
- k) *String Too Short to be Saved*
- l) *Hedda Gabler*
- m) *The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant*