

- 1 What happens in the Finnsburg episode? What is the relationship of this interpolated tale to the rest of the poem? (p9)
- 2 What does the Beowulf-poet imply about the future of the tribe following the passing of Beowulf?(10)
- 3 Beowulf and Sir Gawain and the Green Knight are two of the most famous works of English medieval literature. Although the two poems have certain elements in common(supernatural phenomena, a hero who undergoes a series of trials, a feudal court), they also differ from one another significantly. (In fact, as many centuries separate the two medieval works as separate Sir Gawain from our own time.) What are the most important differences between the two poems? (p19)
- 4 Discuss the relationship between the significance of the pentangle on Gawain's shield the events of the poem.(p20)
- 5 Discuss the character and function of the dreamer in ' The Fair Field Full of Folk'(p27)
- 6 Who is the narrator of the 'General Prologue'? Discuss his character and his purpose in prologue.(p38)
- 7 What is the relationship between the Miller and his tale and between the Miller's prologue and his tale?(p41)
- 8 "The Nun's Priest's Tale" has a 'frame' consisting of the opening description of the poor widow and the concluding description of a rural fox hunt. What is the effect of this frame? (p43)
- 9 The Second Shepherds' Play has two parts: the climaxes in the discovery of the stolen sheep in the cradle; the second, in the adoration of the Christ child in the manger. Discuss the relationship between these two scenes. (p52)
- 10 Discuss the message of the play Everyman and the technical means by which it is dramatized. (p59)
- 11 What standards of literary excellence are stated or implied in Sidney's Defense? (p143)
- 12(Astrophil and Stella) Sonnet 1: 'loving in the truth, and fain in verse my love to show' What is the theme of the sonnet, and how does Sidney's poetic style embody that theme? (p144)
- 13 Personification, whereby human qualities are attributed to an inanimate object or abstract thing, is an important feature of sonnet 31. Explain how the figure function here, and analyze its effect.(146)
- 14 (Hero and Leader) analyze Marlowe's descriptive techniques in the initial portrait of Hero. What is the tone of the passage? (161)
- 15 (Doctor Faustus) analyze the structure of the play.(165)
- 16 What is the function of the comic scenes in the play? (166)

- 17 How does Shakespeare characterize time in sonnet 12? (p178)
- 18 Compare sonnet 12 with sonnet 73.
- 19 'Batter My Heart' how does Donne use the formal division of the sonnet to develop his argument in the poem?(234)
- 20 'On my first son' Ben Jonson's elegy for son is based on the classical model of the epitaph, a brief poem commemorating the death of a personal acquaintance or public figure. How does this model influence the poem's tone?(241)
- 21 Sonnet 16: 'When I consider...' What is the problem faced by the speaker of the poem?(271)
- 22 Discuss the use of monetary imagery in the poem.(p271)
- 23 Describe the structure of the 'Lycidas' poem and its relationship to the poem's meaning?(p275)
- 24 How are the conventions of classical epic used in Paradise Lost?(p283)
- 25 'To His Coy Mistress' what is the theme of this poem?(p294)
- 26 John Bunyan's prose style is extremely simple; it employs the most basic verbs and nouns and tends to rely upon repetition. What is the effect of this narrative style?(p308)
- 27 Dryden's satire incorporates a wide range of topical references and classical allusions. Because many of these references may be obscure to a modern reader, it could be argued that the poem is a historical relic of only antiquarian interest. What is the effect of the references in the poem? Are they still effective for a modern audience?(321)
- 28 Compare bookie of Sir Thomas More's Utopia with BookIV of Guliver's travels(p357)
- 29 'The rape of the Lock' Describe the specific feature of Pope's poem which derive from the epic genre, analyzing the tone they produce.(384)
- 30 What is the theme of the poem and how is it expressed?(385)
- 31 Two clusters of images occur in Gray's 'Elegy,' one set involving silence and the other sound or utterance. Discuss the thematic significance of these contrasting sets of images.(p408)
- 32 To what extent does Gray's attitude death reflect a romantic sensibility?(p408)

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