

Charles Lamb – 30 MCQs

1. Charles Lamb was born in:

- A) 1770
- B) 1775
- C) 1780
- D) 1785

2. Lamb was born in:

- A) Manchester
- B) London
- C) Oxford
- D) Cambridge

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3. Lamb was educated at:

- A) Eton College
- B) Harrow School
- C) Christ's Hospital
- D) Trinity College

4. At Christ's Hospital, Lamb met:

- A) Wordsworth
- B) Coleridge
- C) Southey
- D) Byron

5. Lamb worked for about 33 years in the:

- A) British Museum
- B) East India Company
- C) Royal Navy
- D) Parliament

6. Lamb's essays were first published in:

- A) The Spectator
- B) London Magazine
- C) The Tatler
- D) Blackwood's Magazine

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7. Lamb wrote essays under the pen name:

- A) Elia
- B) Boz
- C) Ajax
- D) Atticus

8. "Essays of Elia" was published in:

- A) 1820
- B) 1823
- C) 1830
- D) 1833

9. "Last Essays of Elia" was published in:

- A) 1823
- B) 1825
- C) 1830
- D) 1833

10. Lamb's sister was:

- A) Dorothy Lamb
- B) Mary Lamb
- C) Anne Lamb
- D) Eliza Lamb

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11. Mary Lamb is known for:

- A) Writing novels
- B) Writing poems
- C) Co-authoring Tales from Shakespeare
- D) Writing plays

12. "Tales from Shakespeare" was published in:

- A) 1798
- B) 1807
- C) 1817
- D) 1823

13. "Dream Children: A Reverie" deals with:

- A) Political satire
- B) Childhood memories
- C) Religious issues
- D) War themes

14. "A Dissertation upon Roast Pig" is:

- A) A tragic essay
- B) A humorous essay
- C) A political essay
- D) A philosophical treatise

15. "Old China" is a conversation between Lamb and:

- A) His friend
- B) His sister
- C) His teacher
- D) His wife

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16. Lamb belonged to the:

- A) Victorian Age
- B) Romantic Age
- C) Augustan Age
- D) Elizabethan Age

17. Lamb is known as the:

- A) Father of English Novel
- B) Prince of English Essayists
- C) Master of Epic Poetry
- D) Victorian Moralist

18. Lamb admired which 17th-century writer greatly?

- A) Milton
- B) Shakespeare
- C) Donne
- D) Bacon

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19. "Specimens of English Dramatic Poets" was written by:

- A) Lamb
- B) Coleridge
- C) Hazlitt
- D) De Quincey

20. Lamb's prose style is mainly:

- A) Ornate and heavy
- B) Personal and nostalgic
- C) Scientific and technical
- D) Political and argumentative

21. Lamb's tragic personal life includes:

- A) Exile from England
- B) Imprisonment
- C) His sister's mental illness
- D) Loss in war

22. Lamb's novel is:

- A) Rosamund Gray
- B) Pride and Prejudice
- C) Pamela
- D) Tom Jones

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23. "Rosamund Gray" was published in:

- A) 1798
- B) 1800
- C) 1805
- D) 1810

24. Lamb retired from the East India Company in:

- A) 1825
- B) 1830
- C) 1832
- D) 1834

25. Lamb died in:

- A) 1830
- B) 1832
- C) 1834
- D) 1836

26. Lamb's essays are influenced by:

- A) Classical restraint
- B) Personal emotion and memory
- C) Scientific reasoning
- D) Political ideology

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27. Lamb's close Romantic friend was:

- A) William Wordsworth
- B) John Milton
- C) Alexander Pope
- D) John Dryden

28. Lamb contributed to children's literature mainly through:

- A) Poems
- B) Tales from Shakespeare
- C) Political essays
- D) Tragedies

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29. The tone of Lamb's essays is often:

- A) Bitter and harsh
- B) Satirical and cold
- C) Gentle and humorous
- D) Strictly moralistic

30. Lamb's literary importance lies mainly in:

- A) Drama
- B) Novel
- C) Personal Essay
- D) Epic poetry

Corrected & Verified Answer Key

1. **B** (1775) ✓
2. **B** (London) ✓
3. **C** (Christ's Hospital) ✓
4. **B** (Coleridge) ✓
5. **B** (East India Company) ✓
6. **B** (London Magazine) ✓
7. **A** (Elia) ✓
8. **B** (1823 – *Essays of Elia*) ✓
9. **D** (1833 – *Last Essays of Elia*) ✓
10. **B** (Mary Lamb) ✓
11. **C** (Co-author of *Tales from Shakespeare*) ✓
12. **B** (1807) ✓
13. **B** (Childhood memories) ✓
14. **B** (Humorous essay) ✓
15. **B** (Conversation with Mary Lamb) ✓

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16. **B** (Romantic Age) ✓
17. **B** (Prince of English Essayists) ✓
18. **B** (Shakespeare – Lamb deeply admired him) ✓
19. **A** (*Specimens of English Dramatic Poets*) ✓
20. **B** (Personal & nostalgic style) ✓
21. **C** (Mary Lamb's mental illness tragedy) ✓
22. **A** (*Rosamund Gray*) ✓
23. **A** (1798) ✓
24. **C** (1832 retirement) ✓
25. **C** (1834 death) ✓
26. **B** (Personal emotion & memory) ✓
27. **A** (Wordsworth – correct option given) ✓
28. **B** (*Tales from Shakespeare*) ✓
29. **C** (Gentle & humorous tone) ✓
30. **C** (Personal Essay) ✓

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