

50-Question Test

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THE CANTERBURY TALES
Geoffrey Chaucer

MATCHING - CHARACTER IDENTIFICATION

Directions: Choose the character that matches each description.

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| ___ 1. cousin of Palamon | a. Wife of Bath |
| ___ 2. cook | b. Madame Eglantine |
| ___ 3. shrewd money-manager | c. Molly |
| ___ 4. big-boned, brawny; has a hairy wart on his nose | d. Reeve |
| ___ 5. Prioress | e. Monk |
| ___ 6. man of law | f. Arcite |
| ___ 7. sheep-like | g. Friar |
| ___ 8. gap-toothed and lusty | h. Roger |
| ___ 9. best beggar in his house | i. Summoner |
| ___ 10. robust individual; loves riding and hunting | j. Miller |

TRUE-FALSE

Directions: If the statement is true, mark it T; if false, mark it F.

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| ___ 11. All of the pilgrims have a chance to tell their tales. | ___ 16. In the Knight's Tale, Emily wants to marry. |
| ___ 12. The Oxford clerk loves to learn and to teach. | ___ 17. In the Prioress' Tale, the Abbot learns the secret of the little boy's singing after his throat is cut. |
| ___ 13. In the Knight's Tale, Saturn helps Venus grant Palamon his wish. | ___ 18. The Reeve's Tale closely resembles the Miller's Tale. |
| ___ 14. To escape capture, Arcite disguises himself as a scholar. | ___ 19. In the Wife of Bath's Tale, the squire discovers that what women most want is a gentle and honest lover. |
| ___ 15. Palamon is in prison fifteen years. | |

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- ___ 20. The Pardoner preaches that "pride goeth before a fall."
- ___ 21. In the Nun's Priest's Tale, the rooster is fooled by flattery.
- ___ 22. Events prove that Chanticleer, in the Nun's Priest's Tale, is right in believing that dreams should be ignored.
- ___ 23. The Reeve always rides last in the procession.
- ___ 24. The Friar's Tale deals with the supernatural.
- ___ 25. "He practices what he preaches" might well be said of the Parson.
- ___ 26. The Parson's Tale is a sermon on the Seven Deadly Sins.
- ___ 27. The old man in the Pardoner's Tale tells the truth.
- ___ 28. The pilgrims never arrive at the shrine.
- ___ 29. In the Second Nun's Tale, the Roman officers are converted to Christianity by the miracles Cecilia performs.
- ___ 30. Several pilgrims tell more than one tale.
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MULTIPLE CHOICE

Directions: Choose the best answer.

- ___ 31. *The Canterbury Tales* is a collection of tales in (a) verse; (b) verse and prose; (c) prose.
- ___ 32. *The Canterbury Tales* was written in the (a) 13th century; (b) 14th century; (c) 16th century.
- ___ 33. The pilgrims begin their journey in (a) April; (b) June; (c) September.
- ___ 34. The pilgrims assemble at the (a) bath house; (b) church; (c) Tabard Inn.
- ___ 35. The number of pilgrims traveling to the shrine is (a) twenty-nine; (b) thirty-one; (c) thirty-five.
- ___ 36. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to worship at the shrine of (a) Sir Thomas More; (b) Sir Thomas Becket; (c) John Wycliffe.
- ___ 37. Telling tales to entertain themselves is suggested to the pilgrims by (a) Robin; (b) Hubert; (c) Harry.
- ___ 38. The prize for telling the best tale is a (a) free dinner at the Tabard Inn; (b) free supper in Canterbury; (c) free lodging at the Tabard Inn.
- ___ 39. The pilgrims set forth upon their journey to the tune of the (a) bassoon; (b) flute; (c) bagpipes.
- ___ 40. The judge of the storytelling is (a) the Knight; (b) the Pardoner; (c) Harry.
- ___ 41. A pilgrim who refuses to accept the judge's decision must (a) pay all the expenses of the pilgrimage; (b) pay the entire supper bill; (c) leave the group.
- ___ 42. To choose the first storyteller, the pilgrims (a) draw lots; (b) demand that she or he be chosen according to rank; (c) ask for volunteers.
- ___ 43. The first tale is told by the (a) Knight; (b) Friar; (c) Shipman.
- ___ 44. Although called upon to tell the second tale, the Monk is prevented by the (a) Cook; (b) Reeve; (c) Miller.
- ___ 45. Sir John's tale warns the pilgrims to beware of (a) flattery; (b) gluttony; (c) dishonesty.
- ___ 46. The number of Tales told is (a) sixteen; (b) twenty-four; (c) twenty-nine.

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- ___ 47. In the Pardoner's Tale, the youngest rioter buys from an apothecary (a) a bottle of wine; (b) three empty bottles; (c) a box of poison.
- ___ 48. The pilgrim who "loved his neighbor even as himself" is the (a) Doctor of Physics; (b) Plowman; (c) Manciple.
- ___ 49. The mothers in the Prioress' Tale and the Nun's Priest's Tale are (a) invalids; (b) widows; (c) dressmakers.
- ___ 50. In the Pardoner's Tale and the Knight's Tale, friends (a) plot against each other; (b) defend each other; (c) die for each other.

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TEST KEY

Matching

1. f
2. h
3. d
4. j
5. b
6. i
7. c
8. a
9. g
10. e

True-False

11. F
12. T
13. T
14. F
15. F
16. F
17. T
18. T
19. F
20. F
21. T
22. F
23. T
24. F
25. T
26. T

27. T

28. T

29. F

30. F

Multiple Choice

31. b

32. b

33. a

34. c

35. a

36. b

37. c

38. a

39. c

40. c

41. a

42. a

43. b

44. c

45. a

46. b

47. c

48. b

49. b

50. a