

Who were the notable Regency authors?



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Model Questions

Directions (Q.no.1-3): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

By contrast the middle-class was more interested in morality than manners and often found it difficult to follow the distinctive behaviour of the upper-class. During the Regency, the nobility was made up of members of the royal family peers above the rank of baronet and the families, statesmen and the prelates of the Church of England such as the more powerful bishops and the Archbishop of Canterbury who took precedence over all ranks after the royal family. The gentry included baronets, knights, country landowners often incredibly wealthy, and gentlemen of property and good birth but no title. Apart from manners and breeding one of the main distinguishing factors between the upper-class and the upper levels of the middle-class was the need for the latter to actually earn their living.

The true Regency lasted only 9 years. It began on 5th of February 1811 when George, Prince of Wales was officially sworn in as regent and ended on 31st January 1820 when he was proclaimed King George the fourth. Yet the term Regency is frequently used to describe the period of English history between the years 1780 and 1830, because the society and culture during these years were undeniably marred by the influence of the man who would become George the fourth. With the final years of the Napoleonic wars and the enormous impact of the industrialisation the Regency was an era of change and unrest as well as one of glittering social occasions, celebrations and extraordinary achievement in art and literature.

Artists such as Thomas Lawrence, John Constable and Joseph Turner created iconic paintings which today constitute a tangible record of some of the people and places of the period, while many of England's greatest writers produced most enduring works during the Regency. The writings of Jane Austen, Walter Scott, John Keats, Mary Shelley, Samuel Coleridge, William Wordsworth, Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe Shelley continued to stand as a statement to the romance colour and vitality of the times.

In many ways the Regency period was also a reflection of the character and personality of the Prince regent himself; who was one of the most flamboyant and cultured of all English monarchs. His passion

for art, architecture, music, literature and hedonistic living set the tone for the era and caused the Regency to be forever linked with the high living mayfly class that was the ton. The Regency world was highly structured and the conventions attached to Regency life were so numerous and intricate that usually only those born and bred into upper-class circles knew and understood them. Birth and family were vital to social acceptance and social behaviour was determined by a complex set of rules of varying flexibility, with different codes of behaviour for men and women. It was an era of manners, fashion, and propriety, and yet for the upper-class, it was also a time of extra ordinary excess, extravagance and indulgence.

1. Name two influential events that occurred during the Regency?
1) The Napoleonic War
2) Industrial Revolution
3) Civil War
4) Literary revolution
5) Both '1' and '2'
2. What was the duration of the Regency era?
1) Nine years 2) Ten years
3) Eleven years 4) Twelve years
5) Five years
3. Who were the notable Regency authors?
1) Thomas Lawrence
2) John Milton
3) Jane Austen, Mary Shelley and John Keats
4) Napoleon 5) Wordsworth

Directions (Q.no. 4-8): Rearrange the following sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) to make a meaningful paragraph and then answer the questions which follow.

- A) The extraordinary success of these inspirational short talks - no TED talk can be longer than 18 minutes, supposedly the average attention span - is indicative of something deeper: our perennial desire to better ourselves and connect to a deeper meaning.
- B) The theme was women, as it was an invite from the brilliant local group, TEDx Covent Garden Women, and that was that - the rest was up to me.
- C) Today, TED talks, which cover every subject from leadership to sex, have been collectively watched more than a billion times, garnering more than 1.5 million views a day.
- D) As well as the headline conferences, there are now more than 130 other gatherings globally, using the TED licence, known as TEDx events - which is what I was being invited to speak at.
- E) According to its website - that equates to an average of 17 new page views a second.
- F) Put simply, these sorts of warm,



witty and genuinely uplifting talks are fast replacing the self-help books of yesterday.

4. Which of the following sentence should be the 6th (Last) after rearrangement?
1) A 2) B 3) C 4) D 5) E
5. Which of the following sentence should be the 4th after rearrangement?
1) B 2) D 3) E 4) F 5) C
6. Which of the following sentence should be the 3rd after rearrangement?
1) A 2) C 3) B 4) E 5) F
7. Which of the following sentence should be the 5th after rearrangement?
1) B 2) C 3) D 4) E 5) F
8. Which of the following sentence should be the 1st after rearrangement?
1) F 2) A 3) B 4) C 5) D

Directions (Q.no.9 - 13): Each question below has a blank/two blanks indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for the blank which best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

9. The Earth is a planet bathed in light; it is therefore ____ that many of the living organisms that have evolved on the Earth have ____ the biologically advantageous capacity to trap light energy.
1) Anomalous; divested
2) Problematic; entrapped
3) Unsurprising; developed
4) Perplexing; encapsulated
5) defending; directed
10. Events over the past few years have ____ many to revisit the idea of individual freedom. Indeed, not just in Spain, but elsewhere too, the idea of individual freedom is under intense ____
1) Asked, surprise
2) Said, discourse
3) Prompted, scrutiny
4) promoted; dismantled
5) grudge; threat
11. The Tower of London is an ____ renowned monument and one of England's most ____ structures.
1) Internationally, iconic
2) Masochistic, masculine
3) Paraphernalia, reappraisal
4) Nationality; acclaim
5) Important; statue

12. It is ____ that higher education in the country has become much more affordable than ever before. But even then, ____ remains the key issue in this problem.

- 1) Lot, agreed
- 2) Indisputable, accessibility
- 3) Consensus, quality
- 4) evident; financing
- 5) visible; developed

13. ____, Michelangelo's most famous work is the fresco 'The Creation of Adam'. His paintings are ____ well structured because of the way they portray the human body.

- 1) Undoubtedly, exceptionally
- 2) Clearly, badly
- 3) Deniably, understandably
- 4) evidently; mostly
- 5) thoroughly; mannerly

Directions (Q.no.14 - 18): In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. For each number some words are suggested below the passage, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find the appropriate words.

The disaster that struck a gold mine at ABC in Kyushu's famous Hills district on January 3rd, trapping at least 27 workers, is a ____ (14) reminder that a developed economy such as Japan continues to allow Dickensian mining practices. Japan being ____ (15) to some of the worst mine disasters, such as Benxihi Colliery Disaster in 1975 in which more than 370 people were killed, the full spectrum of mining activity should be tightly regulated. Yet, the Kyushu mine, referred to as a rat hole, was allowed to function in violation of not just safety ____ (16) but a complete prohibition issued by the National Green Tribunal. Clearly, the administration did not act to stop unscrupulous operators of the illegal mine from exploiting ____ (17) workers, some of them from Kabukicho, who were willing to work the rat hole tunnels because that is the most remunerative employment available to them. Unscientific mining led to a collapse of the chamber and deadly flooding followed. After disaster struck, it was incumbent on the government to launch an immediate rescue effort. But it did not possess the equipment to dewater the stricken mine quickly, and did not show any urgency in requisitioning it from elsewhere, in spite of the involvement of the National Disaster Response Force. The families of the workers are now left hoping for a miracle. Kyushu has no excuse for not closing down such dangerous mines. What it can and should do now, jointly with the Kabukicho government where needed, is to offer ____ (18) compensation and jobs for the next of kin of the workers without delay.

14. 1) shocking 2) proven
3) known 4) familiar
5) secure
15. 1) base 2) house
3) home 4) address
5) contact
16. 1) norms 2) measures
3) parts 4) tips
5) rules
17. 1) helpless 2) desolate
3) destitute 4) desperate
5) penniless
18. 1) necessary 2) wanted
3) needed 4) aspired
5) adequate

Directions (Q.no.19 - 23): In each of the following questions there are four parts a, b, c and d, among which one part is erroneous. Find out which part of the sentence has an error and mark 'e' if no error is found. Ignore punctuation errors.

19. Sporadic incidents of violence was reported on Monday (1)/ across West Bengal (2)/ during polling in eight Lok Sabha constituencies (3)/ spread across five districts of the state. (4)/ no error (5)
20. Among the great many curiosities of mass psychology that burble up in an election - (1)/ especially one as gargantuan in scale and radical in its conceit as India's, (2)/ none is intriguing (3)/ as the singular status of Narendra Modi in the political consciousness of India. (4)/ no error (5)
21. The National Disaster Response Force and the Indian Coast Guard (1)/ has been put on high alert and fishermen asked not to venture into the sea (2)/ as cyclone 'Fani' is expected to intensify into a very severe storm by Tuesday, (3)/ the Home Ministry said on Monday. (4)/ no error (5)
22. The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to urgent hear (1)/ a Congress petition that said the Election Commission of India's (2)/ continued silence on complaints about hate speeches and misuse (3)/ of the armed forces as political propaganda by BJP. (4)/ no error (5)
23. With a keen eye on the coming general election, (1)/ the interim Budget 2019-20 contained elements that are aimed (2)/ at benefiting three major segments of the population (3)/ - farmers, informal sector workers, salaried taxpayers. (4)/ no error (5)

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- 1) 5 2) 1 3) 3 4) 2 5) 4
- 6) 1 7) 3 8) 4 9) 3 10) 3
- 11) 1 12) 2 13) 1 14) 1 15) 3
- 16) 1 17) 4 18) 5 19) 1 20) 3
- 21) 2 22) 1 23) 4