



11+ Literary Devices

Metaphor

Test Paper 1

Instructions:

1. The time allowed is 10 minutes for 17 questions.
2. Questions 1 to 15 are of 1 mark each
3. Questions 16 and 17 are of 2.5 marks each
4. Answers should be clearly marked in pencil on the question paper itself.
5. No separate answer sheet is provided.
6. No marks are lost for an incorrect answer.
7. If you have marked the wrong answer, erase it and mark the new one, making sure that your final answer is clear.

Symbols used:



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Stop working and await instructions.



Answer the following questions by selecting one option from A - E.

1 Which sentence contains a metaphor?

- A. Her lips were red as roses.
- B. The sweet scent of the perfume was overpowering.
- C. I awaited the arrival of the letter like a child waiting for Christmas.
- D. Daniel's boss was a terrier; he never relented or gave second chances.
- E. On the day of the funeral, the clouds grew dark and heavy.

2 Identify the metaphor in this sentence: Sunshine streamed like beams of white gold through the marshmallow clouds.

- A. 'Sunshine streamed'
- B. 'Sunshine streamed through'
- C. 'like beams of gold'
- D. 'white gold'
- E. 'marshmallow clouds'

3 Complete the metaphor: The winter rain was an _____ .

- A. Soft blanket
- B. Dark cloud
- C. Bucket
- D. Icy sheet
- E. Animal





4 Which sentence contains a metaphor?

- A. A punch of a headache smacked Alex in between the eyes.
- B. Margaret's singing voice reached the church rafters.
- C. The roof of the building tumbled to the floor with an almighty crash.
- D. Rosie's heart was beating like a bass drum.
- E. The architecture was absolutely astounding.

5 In this sentence, which two things are compared? Tara's bluebell eyes were bright and bewitching.

- A. Tara and eyes
- B. Tara and brightness
- C. Tara and bluebells
- D. Eyes and witches
- E. Tara's eyes and bluebells

6 What is the purpose of a metaphor?

- A. To create comparisons in order to clarify a description
- B. To create sensory description
- C. To persuade the reader to change their opinion
- D. To create memorability
- E. To appeal to the reader's emotions



**7 Which of the following sentences does not use a metaphor?**

- A. Her stone heart was difficult to understand.
- B. Barney found himself overloaded with a flood of work tasks.
- C. For the wedding reception, the organisers performed a miracle of food and decorations.
- D. The costume was studded with diamonds and sequins.
- E. The isolated island was far away from anything, a speck of dust on a vast blue cloth.

8 Which word best completes this metaphor? The band's music produced a _____ of sound.

- A. Wall
- B. Book
- C. Chain
- D. Paint
- E. Earth

9 What two items are being compared in this metaphor? My mother's spiky voice was an indicator of her rage.

- A. My mother and rage
- B. My mother's voice and spikes
- C. My mother's voice and rage
- D. Spikes and rage
- E. Spikes and an indicator





10 Which of the following sentences includes a metaphor?

- A. When Mel cut her hair, it felt like a piece of her was missing.
- B. The smell of the freshly baked scones drifted through the house from the kitchen.
- C. The evening sky was painted with streaks of watercolour – gold, red, purple.
- D. The moonlight filtered through the dense canopy of trees.
- E. The cat's purr was like an engine, chugging away.

11 Which of the following statements is false?

- A. Metaphors make direct comparisons between two items
- B. Metaphors are figurative devices
- C. Metaphors do not use 'like' or 'as'
- D. Metaphors are only used in descriptive writing
- E. Metaphors are used to enhance descriptions

12 Which of the following words best completes the metaphor? Katie found it difficult to open up; her heart was a _____ .

- A. Box
- B. Fortress
- C. Diamond
- D. Apple
- E. Desert





13 Which option best explains the purpose of this metaphor? I was adrift on a sea of troubles.

- A. It suggests that the speaker is at sea.
- B. It means that the speaker was feeling troubled.
- C. It means that the speaker was feeling adventurous.
- D. It means that the speaker is feeling overwhelmed by their problems.
- E. It suggests that the speaker is feeling light and free.

14 Which two things are being compared in the following metaphor? Without warning, a shocking lightning bolt of panic shot through me.

- A. Warning and shock
- B. Warning and lightning
- C. Lightning and panic
- D. The speaker and lightning
- E. Shocking and bolt

15 Which option best explains the purpose of this metaphor? Ruth looked daggers at her little sister, who had borrowed her favourite shirt.

- A. It shows that Ruth is furious at her sister.
- B. It shows that Ruth is annoyed about her sister borrowing her shirt.
- C. It shows that Ruth gave her sister a funny look.
- D. It shows that Ruth's eyes are sore.
- E. It shows that Ruth's sister had a dagger.

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CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

1 Match the words to complete the metaphors.

Column 1

- i. He was a diamond
- ii. Laughter is
- iii. I was left
- iv. Cry me
- v. She was drowning

Column 2

- A. in the dust
- B. a river
- C. in the rough
- D. in grief
- E. the best medicine

2 Fill in the blanks with the correct word to complete the similes.

Mr Baker thumped a **i)** _____ of files on David's desk at 9am. He gulped. A **ii)** _____ of anxiety began to descend. How on earth would he get this all done? His stomach was tied in **iii)** _____. Just when he thought he would give up entirely, a **iv)** _____ entered the room – it was Sharon, his colleague. With a **v)** _____ smile, she picked up the top half of the stack.

- A. mist
- B. ray of sunshine
- C. golden
- D. knots
- E. mountain

