



11+ Literary Devices

Metaphor

Test Paper 2

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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await instructions.



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

1 Which option best describes the meaning of this metaphor? We were experiencing a rollercoaster of emotions.

- A. The speaker is feeling very calm
- B. The speaker is excited and overjoyed, as suggested by the rollercoaster
- C. The speaker is confused
- D. The speaker is experiencing a range of high and low emotions over time
- E. The speaker is at a funfair

2 Select the most appropriate word to complete the metaphor: The great mountains created a stark silhouette beneath the _____ sky.

- A. Granite
- B. Dark
- C. Cloudy
- D. Plastic
- E. Pale

3 Which of these following sentences includes a metaphor?

- A. The boat-like swans glided over the still lake.
- B. As I opened the letter, I felt a shiver.
- C. A dark velvet sky descended over the empty meadow.
- D. Hearing the bad news, I felt as if I had been punched in the stomach.
- E. Maria's pink hat sat at a jaunty angle.





4 Which of the following metaphors could be used to suggest doubt or hesitation?

- A. Getting cold feet
- B. Walking on air
- C. Left a sour taste
- D. Light of my life
- E. Drowning in sorrow

5 Select the sentence that includes a metaphor.

- A. William's friends were like his pack.
- B. The rainbow arched magnificently over the landscape.
- C. The dogs howled and howled until they were fed.
- D. Without hesitation, Charlie leapt off of the sheer cliff and into the turquoise pool below.
- E. The shrill sounds of Katherine's singing were ear-splitting.

6 Select the most appropriate word or phrase to complete the metaphor.

After eating the chillies, Robert's mouth was _____ .

- A. spicy
- B. on fire
- C. melting
- D. tingling
- E. like an oven





7 Which option best explains the meaning of this metaphor? When Josie arrived, the party came alive.

- A. Josie is the host of the party
- B. People were disappointed to see Josie arrive
- C. Josie was a vibrant and charismatic person
- D. Josie's presence gave the party a new sense of energy
- E. Josie brought lots of guests to the party which livened it up

8 Which option does not include a metaphor?

- A. The cement clouds threatened to break.
- B. Our waiter was a ray of sunshine; he was the highlight of our evening.
- C. During the festival, the streets were bursting at the seams.
- D. Megan felt a wave of terror.
- E. As Brady walked through the forest, the trees shushed each other, as if to admire her.

9 Which of the following options best explains the meaning of this metaphor? Brad's addiction to gambling enveloped him completely.

- A. Brad finds comfort in gambling
- B. Brad's addiction affects every part of his life
- C. Brad is very good at gambling
- D. Brad's addiction to gambling makes him unrecognisable
- E. Brad's addiction is out of control





10 Which of the following metaphors suggests that the narrator has affection for Maria?

- A. When Maria smiled, her eyes sparkled.
- B. When speaking to Maria, the knot in my stomach tightened.
- C. Maria was the one flaw in an otherwise perfect life.
- D. When Maria laughed, I felt rage bubbling up within me.
- E. Maria was a monster.

11 Complete the metaphor. The cruel witch had a heart of _____ .

- A. gold
- B. grass
- C. ice
- D. glass
- E. flesh

12 Select the metaphor.

- A. The plan unravelled piece by piece.
- B. The sudden discovery was like a gold mine.
- C. Thomas was fiercely devoted to his mother; they were thick as thieves.
- D. Cracks on the ceiling resembled strange creatures.
- E. Winning the lottery was like a dream.





13 What is the meaning of this metaphor? A dark shroud of grief covered my mind.

- A. The speaker is at a funeral parlour
- B. The speaker is alert
- C. The speaker is walking at night
- D. The speaker is overwhelmed by feelings of loss
- E. The speaker is overwhelmed by feelings of uncertainty

14 Select the most appropriate word or phrase to complete the metaphor.

Hoping to get on their good side, Mary gave a _____ smile to the interviewer.

- A. loud
- B. vile
- C. broad
- D. sour
- E. sugary

15 Which statement best defines a metaphor?

- A. Applying human characteristics to an object
- B. When a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable
- C. A technique used to appeal to the reader's sense of sympathy and feeling
- D. A structural feature used to create tension
- E. A descriptive technique used to create a sensory experience

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CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

1 Match the metaphors to their meaning.

Column 1	Column 2
i. Fish out of water	A. Hope
ii. Night owl	B. An unnecessary action
iii. A slippery slope	C. Out of place
iv. The light at the end of the tunnel	D. Small actions that could lead to worse consequences
v. Beating a dead horse	E. Someone who stays up late

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

Frankie stood at the front door, breathing deeply. A **i)** _____ moon hung in the sky above him, casting **ii)** _____ of silver over the rooftops. Inside his heart, a **iii)** _____ was raging. Thoughts and feelings **iv)** _____ in his mind, as the ever-changing **v)** _____ of his uncertain future stretched before him.

- A. Threads
- B. Battled
- C. Ghostly
- D. Shape
- E. Storm

