**Question Bank**

* What did William Wordsworth raise in his poetry that would mark a transition from Neoclassicism to Romanticism?
* What does melancholy mean for the Romantic poets?
* What are the distinctive characteristics of Victorian poetry?
* Identify and analyse the following poetic stanza:

I would tell you what does make

This meteor every colour take:

But an unlearned eye may view

Nature’s rare sights, and love them too.

* What does Byronic legend refer to in Romantic poetry?
* Discuss the position of women in Victorian poetry.
* What impact did Keats have on Romantic poetry?
* Most of Lord Byron’s literary works are representative of his personal life. How?
* How does Letitia talk about gender inequality in her poetry?
* What does Thomas Carlyle mainly criticize in his *Fortuna*?
* Identify and analyse these poetic lines:

Pure as the naked heavens, majestic, free

So didst thou travel on life’s common way,

In cheerful godliness; and yet thy heart

The lowliest duties on herself did lay.

* What features distinguish Romantic poetry from Victorian poetry?
* Discuss the inferior place of women in Romantic poetry.
* Explain the element of past in Romantic poetry.
* The Romantic poets are considered the champions of freedom? Why?
* Briefly discuss the reasons that led to the emergence of Romantic poetry in English literature.
* Write about the impact of Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778) on the Romantic literature.
* How is the past employed by the Romantic poets in their poetry?
* Discuss the literary collaboration between Mary and Charles Lamb.
* Discuss the concept of Nature in Dorothy Wordsworth’s poetry.
* What are the basic similarities and differences between Romanticism and Victorianism?
* Which form of poetry was largely used by Victorian writers?
* Why is the Victorian literature named as such?
* What does the inner world mean for the Romantic poets?
* Discuss the impact of the industrial revolution on Victorian poets.
* *The Lady’s Yes* by Elizabeth Barrett Browning is sometimes seen as an autobiographical work. How?
* How many types of revenge Letitia talks about in her poem “Revenge”?
* Write about women in the eyes of Lord Byron.
* How were women idealized in the Romantic poetry?
* Who wrote the “The Rainbow”? What does it talk about?
* Identify and analyse the following poetic stanza:

Oh! raise us up, return to us again;

And give us manners, virtue, freedom, power.

Thy soul was like a Star, and dwelt apart:

Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea:

* What type of poetic writing is Matthew Arnold best known for?
* [What did influence Matthew Arnold to write?](https://www.google.com/search?q=What+influenced+Jonathan+Swift+to+write%3F&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjAgaC4hqH4AhXKSvEDHb80DxwQzmd6BAgUEAU)
* Why was individualism one of the main concerns of Romantic poetry?
* Where does the term “Victorianism” come from?
* Identify and analyse the following poetic lines:

And should it fret, you would suppose

It ne’er had seen its own red rose,

    Nor after gentle shower

Had ever smelled its rose’s scent,

Or it could ne’er be discontent

 With its own pretty flower.

* Why were women marginalized in the Romantic period?
* Discuss the literary significance of nature in Victorian period.
* What is meant by “Philistinism”?
* Analyse the form of the following poetic stanza:

She walks in beauty, like the night

Of cloudless climes and starry skies;

And all that’s best of dark and bright

Meet in her aspect and her eyes;

Thus mellowed to that tender light

Which heaven to gaudy day denies.

* Identify the main themes of “Revenge” by Letitia Elizabeth Landon.
* Discuss the role of religion in Victorian poetry.
* Why was religion not favoured in Victorian period?
* What does “Lyrical Ballads” mean for the Romantic poets?
* What distinguishes balanced writers from the unbalanced ones?
* Discuss the impact of the political events on Romantic poetry.
* Identify and analyse the following poetic stanza:

By the nights pass’d in sleepless care,

The days of endless woe;

All that you taught my heart to bear,

All that yourself will know.

* Discuss the Romantic qualities of William Wordsworth’s poetry.
* What differentiates Charles Lamb from the rest of the Romantic poets?
* Why is the Victorian period sometimes called the age of technology?
* What is meant by public literature in the Victorian era?