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Scansion Quiz

P.T-9

Mark the pronunciation of the following words according to the accented and unaccented syllables.

1. because

6. David

11.

a name w/ 2 syllables

2. daily

7. Leanne

3. delight

8. merrily

12.

a 2-syllable word

4. answer

9. tambourine

5. below

10. Eric

13.

a 3-syllable word

B. There are four common patterns of metrical feet we need to remember. Write the correct pattern next to each foot.

Patterns

/ u u

/ u

u u /

u /

Feet

1. iambic = _____

3. anapestic = _____

2. trochaic = _____

4. dactylic = _____

C. Scan the following lines. Go through all steps!

1. Mark the accented and unaccented syllables.
2. (Try all four possibilities--iambic, trochaic, anapestic, dactylic.)
3. Identify the metrical foot and how many feet there are in the line.

a. The hills, the meadows, and the lakes.

_____ metrical foot

_____ How many are there?

= _____ metrical line

b. Sunday's dinner's sad and thankless.

_____ metrical foot

_____ How many are there?

= _____ metrical line

c. Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

_____ metrical foot

_____ How many are there?

= _____ metrical line

metrical line?

monometer

dimeter

trimeter

tetrameter

pentameter

hexameter

heptameter

octometer

EC: What type of verse has no end rhyme but is written in iambic pentameter?

P.T-10

Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz

Score 1 point for each correct answer on the freshman level, 2 points on the graduate level and 3 points on the Ph.D. level.

OXYMORONS

Provide the second word to complete the oxymoron. (e.g., Found M____. Answer: Missing).

FRESHMAN LEVEL

- 1. Genuine I____.
- 2. Almost E____.
- 3. Alone T____.

GRADUATE LEVEL

- 4. Soft R____.
- 5. New C____.
- 6. Sweet S____.

PH.D. LEVEL

- 7. Extinct L____.
- 8. Tight S____.
- 9. Definite M____.

Scoring

▲ 10 points: Good job, Doctor
 ▲ 15 to 17 points: Honors graduate
 ▲ 18 to 19 points: You're pretty smart, but no grand books
 ▲ 4 to 9 points: You really should hit the books
 ▲ 1 to 3 points: Enroll in remedial courses immediately!
 ▲ 0 points: Who reads the questions to you?

Name the SONNET TYPE!

(A)

1 My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun,
 Coral is far more red, than her lips red,
 If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun:
 If hairs be wires, black wires grow on her head:
 5 I have seen roses damasked, red and white,
 But no such roses see I in her cheeks,
 And in some perfumes is there more delight,
 Than in the breath that from my mistress reeks.
 I love to hear her speak, yet well I know,
 10 That music hath a far more pleasing sound:
 I grant I never saw a goddess go,
 My mistress when she walks treads on the ground.
 And yet by heaven I think my love as rare,
 14 As any she belied with false compare.

★ Sonnet type: _____

(B)

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways,
 I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
 My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight
 For the ends of Being and ideal Grace,
 I love thee to the level of everyday's
 Most quiet need, by sun and candlelight.
 I love thee freely, as men strive for Right;
 I love thee purely, as they turn from Prais'
 I love thee with the passion put to use,
 In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.
 I love thee with a love I seemed to lose
 With my lost saints--I love thee with the breath
 Smiles, tears, of all my life!--and, if God choo
 I shall but love thee better after death.

★ Sonnet type: _____

(C)

When to the sessions of sweet silent thought
 I summon up remembrance of things past,
 I sigh the lack of many a thing I sought,
 And with old woes new wail my dear time's wast
 Then can I drown an eye, unused to flow,
 For precious friends hid in death's dateless night
 And weep afresh love's long since canceled woe.
 And moan the expense of many a vanished sigh
 Then can I grieve at grievances foregone,
 And heavily from woe to woe tell o'er
 The sad account of forebemoaned moan,
 Which I new-pay as if not paid before.
 But if the while I think on thee, dear friend,
 All losses are restored and sorrows end.

★ Sonnet type: _____