

# 8. Metaphysical Poetry Quiz



1. Which poet and critic coined the term “metaphysical poet”?

- a) Andrew Marvell
- b) John Donne
- c) Henry Vaughan
- d) Samuel Johnson**

2. The life of John Donne coincided with the reigns of which three absolutist monarchs?

- a) Elizabeth I, James I and Charles I**
- b) Mary I, Elizabeth I and James I
- c) James I, Charles I and Charles II
- d) Charles I, Charles II and James II

3. In *The Sun Rising*, by John Donne, which of the following adjectives is used to describe the sun?

- a) Saucy
- b) Pedantic
- c) Busy
- d) All of the above**

4. In Donne’s *The Indifferent*, which is the only quality that the narrator dislikes in a woman?

- a) Dishonesty
- b) Truthfulness**
- c) Generosity
- d) Unkindness

5. In *A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning*, how does Donne describe the death of virtuous people?

- a) Silent**
- b) Slow
- c) Painful
- d) Clamorous

6. Which of the following words is missing from the first verse of *The Canonization*, by John Donne: “For God's sake hold your tongue, and let me .....

- a) Speak
- b) Be
- c) Love
- d) Write

7. In Donne's *The Apparition*, which of the following symbols insinuates the death of the woman who the narrator is in love with?

- a) Quicksilver
- b) Skull
- c) Scythe
- d) Crow

8. The first and last stanzas of Donne's *Batter my Heart* include a large number of which of the following word classes?

- a) Nouns
- b) Verbs
- c) Adjectives
- d) Adverbs

9. In the last stanza of Henry Vaughan's *The Night*, the poet speaks of a “dazzling darkness”. This expression is an example of which of the following literary devices?

- a) Diacope
- b) Simile
- c) Oxymoron
- d) Chiasmus

10. In Andrew Marvell's *To His Coy Mistress*, coyness is described as an ideal attribute in women. True or false?

- a) True
- b) False