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Answer all the questions. Each question carry one mark.

9. 1. According to critic Susan Gubar what does Sappho epitomise

Mark only one oval.

- Canoncial feminity
- Angel in the house
- lesbian writers of genius whose works have been destroyed, sanitised, or heterosexualised
- The quintessential whore

10. 2. Which of the following literary and historical figures do not find any mention in "The City of Ladies" as an attempt on Christine di Pizan's part to readdress history?

Mark only one oval.

- Medea
- Xanthippe
- Roman Charity
- Arbanica

11. 3. Mill's moral theory is compatible with his political theory in that utilitarianism a priori seems to support:

Mark only one oval.

- Democracy
- Oligarchy
- Monarchy
- Despotism

12. 4. What is the name given to Bentham's method of calculating the values of pain and pleasure

Mark only one oval.

- epicurean calculator
- pleasure principle
- Absolutism
- Hedonic calculator

13. 5. How does the speaker in "Fragment 16" use Helen as an example of "what you love" being the most beautiful thing?

Mark only one oval.

- Because in spite of the consequences she pursued the man she loved
- Because she choose her family instead of abiding by her desires
- Because her beauty seduced her love
- Because her beauty though exceptional was fleeting

14. 6. Which of the following aspects were not touched upon in Holt Parker's essay "Sappho's Mistress"?

Mark only one oval.

- The figure of Sappho presiding over a group of virgins
- Sappho as a sex educator
- Sappho's sexual exploitation of young girls
- Sappho as a cult leader

15. 7. In The City of Ladies of these is not an allegorical figure borrowed from theology and medieval iconography?

Mark only one oval.

- Reason
- Justice
- Courage
- Right-thinking

16. 8. The ancient philosopher most closely associated with Mill's theories is

Mark only one oval.

- Epicurus
- Plato
- Demosthenes
- Aristotle

17. 9. The branch of philosophy concerned with the nature of knowledge is:

Mark only one oval.

- Ontology
- Epistemology
- Metaphysics
- Ethics

18. 10. In "Ode to Aphrodite" why does the speaker summon Aphrodite?

Mark only one oval.

- For a boon to forget the past
- Pleading to be released from the distress and pain of unrequited love
- For the pleasure of her company
- For the power of her immortal wisdom

19. 11. Which of the following is untrue with respect to Sappho's reception from antiquity to the modern times?

Mark only one oval.

- She was considered as a sublime poetess and an authority on all things love
- She was considered as a deep believer in all-consuming love proved by her repeated attempts at flinging herself off the cliff for a ferryman
- The perfect embodiment of heteronormativity
- Often relegated to the peripheries of the Western canon

20. 12. Which of the following is untrue with respect to Christine de Pizan's criticism about the treatment of women in "The City of Ladies"?

Mark only one oval.

- She indicts men Portia-like with an air of superior benevolence
- She whines and curses her own fate
- She intersperses her tales about formidable women with remarks about society's mistreatment of women
- Her attacks though courteous conceals a fair bit of cunning and a great deal of rage

21. 13. The underlying principles of utilitarianism can be most closely categorized as:

Mark only one oval.

- Hedonism
- Egoism
- Deontological
- Non-real

22. 14. Knowledge that is obtained without experience is classified as:

Mark only one oval.

- Hypothetical
- A Priori
- A Posteriori
- Emotive

23. 15. Which phrase best describes Sappho's relationship to aphrodite in "Fragment 1"?

Mark only one oval.

- Fearful worship
- Intimate reliance
- Distant admiration
- Scornful dismissal

24. 16. Which of the following is NOT a way in which Sappho refers to Aphrodite in "Fragment 1"?

Mark only one oval.

- subtle of soul and deathless
- weaver of wiles
- dread mistress
- happy dove

25. 17. In "The City of Ladies" why were the daughters of God sent to earth?

Mark only one oval.

- To punish the wicked
- To take Christine to heaven
- To restore order and justice
- The three ladies were entrusted to destroy books written by men

26. 18. Which of the following were written as a follow-up to "The City of Ladies"?

Mark only one oval.

- Livre des Trois Vertus
- The Book of the Body Politic
- Blanche of Castille
- Le Chemin de Long Estude

27. 19. The central tenet of utilitarianism is:

Mark only one oval.

- Dualism
- The greatest happiness principle
- The principle of the common cause
- The categorical imperative

28. 20. The _____ wave of feminism focused on women's suffrage and equality in marriage, sexuality, property ownership, and economic matters.

Mark only one oval.

- First
- Second
- Third
- Fourth

29. 21. How does Sappho's poetry redefine the epic convention?

Mark only one oval.

- It valorises war as a depiction of masculine prowess
- It talks about the loss at war
- It talks about the beauty of one's homeland
- It highlights the delicacy and appeal of emotions and friendships among women and redefines the epic idea of femininity

30. 22. The publication of the "Epistemology of the Closet" coincides with which historical event?

Mark only one oval.

- World War I
- American Civil War
- AIDS epidemic in America
- The Prague Spring

31. 23. By commenting on the suffering of women in "The City of Ladies", Christine de Pizan accomplishes which of the following?

Mark only one oval.

- By establishing the historical continuity of women's suffering she appeals for change
- She stresses on the need to go back to a nostalgic past
- She restricts herself to following the conventions set up by patriarchy
- She creates a narrative of victim-hood to present woman as helpless objects of woe

32. 24. Mill believes that ____ must follow ____

Mark only one oval.

- Moral theory, first moral principles
- Moral theory, metaethics
- Metaethics, moral theory
- First moral principles, moral theory

33. 25. Judith Butler (1999) suggested that _____

Mark only one oval.

- sexual characteristics are the biological determinants of gender
- heterosexuality and homosexuality are essential opposing identities
- the two-sex model replaced the one-sex model in the eighteenth century
- gender is performed through bodily gestures and styles to create sex

34. 26. Which of the following is NOT a way the speaker uses lists in "Fragment 16"?

Mark only one oval.

- To create a set of foils
- To critique war
- To comment against violence
- To talk about the fleeting nature of human existence

35. 27. Who is the author of the book that Christine reads at the beginning of "The City of Ladies"?

Mark only one oval.

- Boccaccio
- Plato
- Sappho
- Matheolus

36. 28. According to scholar Millard Meiss what was the primary motivation behind Christine di Pizan's writings?

Mark only one oval.

- Sexual antagonism against men
- Establishment of sexual difference
- Disapproving masculine myths
- Creating space for alternate modes of living

37. 29. A strength of Mill's theory is that

Mark only one oval.

- Moral Skepticism
- Moral Agnosticism
- Moral Nihilism
- Moral Decidability

38. 30. Which of the following are not a part of the hedonic calculator?

Mark only one oval.

- Variables
- Intensity
- Duration
- Liberty

39. 31. What is the primary contention of critic Jack Winkler when it comes to Sappho's reception

Mark only one oval.

- That Sappho has not been credited appropriately
- That her work does not merit a place in contemporary canon
- That ill-informed artists and scholars alike have used her work as a Rorschach blot to project their own anxieties about gender and sex
- That the homoeroticism is an anachronistic addition driven by liberal humanist approaches in the academia

40. 32. Which of the following literary figure is vindicated in "The City of Ladies"

Mark only one oval.

Achilles

Plato

Medea

Athena

41. 33. Utilitarianism is an example of what kind of moral theory

Mark only one oval.

Consequentialist

Reductionist

Supervenient

Deontological

42. 34. Which of the following is not an idea supported by Jeremy Bentham

Mark only one oval.

Equal rights for women and right to divorce

abolition of slavery and death penalty

enforcement of physical punishment

decriminalising of homosexual acts

43. 35. In the "Ode to Aphrodite", who is Kypris?

Mark only one oval.

- Hera
- Poseidon
- Athena
- Aphrodite

44. 36. According to Ellene Greene and Joseph Paxton, which of the following factors are NOT responsible for the sudden spike in interest in Sappho's poetry in academic circles?

Mark only one oval.

- A voyeuristic fascination with the queerness of a woman writing poetry
- A desire to learn about the traditions and lifestyles of ancient Greece
- Reading poetry where for once men are relegated to a peripheral if not intrusive role
- The mystery surrounding the fragmentary existence of her poems

45. 37. Which of the following is NOT a recurring theme in Christine de Pizan's "The City of Ladies"?

Mark only one oval.

- Lack of women's access to education
- The stereotypical portraits of women in literature
- Sexual violence perpetrated by men
- Greed and lust of women

46. 38 John Stuart Mill was born in

Mark only one oval.

1786

1816

1806

1856

47. 39. Knowledge that is obtained as a result of experience is classified as:

Mark only one oval.

Hypothetical

A Priori

A Posteriori

Emotive

48. 40. Who was the first scholar to first suggest the sex of Sappho's beloved in "Fragment 1" to be a female?

Mark only one oval.

Edgar Lobel

Denys Page

Maria Hadfield Cosway

Theodor Bergk

49. 41. In "Fragment 1" which of the following is not a question Sappho was asked by Aphrodite?

Mark only one oval.

- What had caused her heart to be in such a frenzied state?
- Who was the beloved and the source of this wild desire?
- Why was she summoned?
- Who is the cure for this misery?

50. 42. How did the editor of the "Book of Feats of Arms" and "Chivalry" by Christine de Pizan prevent the loss of readership?

Mark only one oval.

- By celebrating the genius of Christine di Pizan
- By removing her name from the book
- Drawing a veil over her sex and changing the text so that it appeared to be written by a man
- To use a pseudonym for Christine de Pizan

51. 43. Joan of Arc appears as an outstanding representative member of the female sex in which of Christine de Pizan's books?

Mark only one oval.

- Livre des Trois Vertus
- Ditie de Jehanne d'Arc
- Blanche of Castille
- Le Chemin de Long Estude

52. 44. Mill believes one major concept which must be explained in utilitarian terms if the theory is to hold water is:

Mark only one oval.

- Axiomatics
- Sympathy
- Justice
- Aesthetics

53. 45. Sappho's homeland has provided a name for _____.

Mark only one oval.

- Passionate poetic expression of inner emotion
- A form of music that accentuates onomatopoeic sound rather than words
- Homoerotic love between women
- A plain and simple form of living, speaking, and dressing

54. 46. What is Sappho's attitude towards feminine beauty?

Mark only one oval.

- It appears as a tool to seduce and lead brave warriors astray
- It underscores the relevance of beauty and the way it impacts women's position in society
- It portrays women as fragile nimble beings who are incapable of standing suffering
- It highlights the position of women as a vessel for male desire

55. 47. In The "City of Ladies" why does Christine think of herself as unfortunate?

Mark only one oval.

- Because she has been born as a woman
- Because she is poor
- Because she is unable to withstand gender based violence
- Because she does not have a free space to think and write

56. 48. Which of the following is true for Christine de Pizan's disapproval towards "The Romance of the Rose"?

Mark only one oval.

- It is licentious and misogynist
- It attacks Christianity
- It attacks the medieval class structure
- It pays excessive emphasis on the rhythm and style of poetry which takes away focus from the content

57. 49. The consequentialist framework of utilitarianism is largely based on

Mark only one oval.

- Mill's belief in the directionality of Moral theory to first moral principles
- Mill's general agreement with Hume's epistemology
- Mill's goals of refuting the results of Kurt Goedel's Incompleteness Theorems
- Mill's problem with the metaphysics of Kant

58. 50. What does Judith Butler mean when she suggests that gender is “performed” ?

Mark only one oval.

- Gender does not reflect an essential truth, but rather is a role people play based on their internalization of socially constructed gender roles.
- Gender roles do not exist.
- . Real gender roles are scripted by excellent writers.
- All of the above

59. 51. Where is "Fragment 44" set?

Mark only one oval.

- Troy
- Thebes
- Greece
- Alexandria

60. 52. "The City of Ladies" was a response to which book?

Mark only one oval.

- The Symposium by Plato
- The Republic by Plato
- Decameron by Boccaccio
- Le Roman de la Rose by Jean de Meun

61. 53. Which of the following is untrue for Christine de Pizan's treatment of the woman question in "The City of Ladies"?

Mark only one oval.

- She cites tradition in order to remould tradition
- She narrates history from the point of view of a woman and hence redefines historiography
- She defends Christian marriage by turning a blind eye on the injustices perpetuated by the system
- Her title alludes to St Augustine's The City of God

62. 54. The application of Utilitarianism demands that the agent utilise

Mark only one oval.

- Faith
- Reason
- Intuition
- The First Formulation of the categorical imperative

63. 55. For Bentham what did the intensity of pleasure mean?

Mark only one oval.

- How strong the pleasure is
- How variable the pleasure is
- How variable the pain is
- How variable the forces of lives are

64. 56. Which of the following does Ellene Greene and Joseph Paxton identify as a crucial impact of Sappho's work on male writers?

Mark only one oval.

- Access to woman's voice
- Remain within the boundaries of conventional masculinity
- Appropriate homosexual and lesbian desire for heteronormative purposes
- The vehicle through which a man's part could be enacted

65. 57. How does Christine di Pizan re-define the literary figure of Medea and the common prejudices associated with it?

Mark only one oval.

- She made Medea sacrifice herself to protect her family
- She turns Medea into an obedient wife who abides by Jason's instructions
- She presents witchcraft as a proto-scientific practice by praising Medea for her command over the herbal arts and the elements
- She presents Medea as a ruthless murderer

66. 58. A major difference between the moral theories of Mill and Bentham are

Mark only one oval.

- Mill acknowledges the qualitative difference in the kinds of pleasure
- Mill was an ardent follower of Kant
- Bentham's theory was deontological
- Bentham wrote his theory after Mill

67. 59. Which of the following is true according to Utilitarianism

Mark only one oval.

- the moral worth of an action only by its resulting outcome
- proper course of action has to minimise the overall happiness
- it is against the natural ethic of democracy
- it is based on maximising only personal good

68. 60. What is the primary purpose of the priamel in the first stanza of "Fragment 16"?

Mark only one oval.

- To differentiate different kinds of military action
- To critique the extent and power of the Greek army
- To suggest that love and war are not so different
- To unfavourably compare all military action with love

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