Rhetorical Devices: Practice Quizzes

Quiz 1  Self – Check

1. In The Chosen, Potok tries to create a sense of __________ in the final scene with Reuven, Danny, and Reb Saunders.

   Parody  pathos  satire  paradox

2. An individual who drives but always gets lost may be referred to as “directionally challenged.” Which R.D. is present here?

   Metaphor  simile  figurative language  euphemism

3. In “The Doll’s House”, a story we will read later in the semester, 3 characters all like the LIGHT. In reference to the light, which R.D. might be present here?

   Symbolism  understatement  concrete language  emotional appeal

4. Which R.D. is present in this quote: “We ignore the ones who adore us, we adore the ones who ignore us, love the ones who hurt us, and hurt the ones who love us.”

   Anecdote  didactic  irony  aphorism

5. If a writer makes you, the reader, feel sorry for a certain character, then the author has created a WHAT in your heart and mind?

   Mood  parallelism  tone  parody

6. Which of the following is a rhetorical strategy?

   Tone  figures of speech  connotation  diction  all of these

7. In a story, two men bet; one is wealthy, a banker. One is a lawyer, unwealthy. If the banker loses all his money and hence loses the bet, which R.D. is present here?

   Irony  alliteration  antithesis  colloquialism

8. Which R.D. is present here: a man goes walking at night and is arrested for being out late. He claims to be a writer, to which his accusers say, “That is not a profession.”

   Allusion  injustice  irony  paradox

9. Which R.D. is present here: “She thinks she is so that!”

   Colloquialism  emotional appeal  concrete language  begging the question

10. A person harmlessly picks up some string on the sidewalk, then later is accused of lifting another person’s wallet, then is exonerated. But no one believes the person. Besides irony, what other R.D. might be present?

   Parody  paradox  irony  pathos

Answers:  1) pathos  2) euphemism  3) symbolism  4) irony  5) mood  6) all of these  7) irony  8) irony  9) colloquialism  10) paradox
Quiz 2  Self-Check

1. *The Chosen*'s reference to Jewish history could be described as:
   - Allusion
   - Logic
   - Conceit
   - Ethical appeal

2. Which of the following might be an opposite to understatement?
   - Symbol
   - Hyperbole
   - Objectivity
   - Moral

3. “When one door closes, another one opens.” This is an example of:
   - Ethical appeal
   - Point of view
   - Aphorism
   - Begging the question

4. Verbal, dramatic, and situational are all descriptors of:
   - Juxtaposition
   - Irony
   - Pacing
   - Big words

5. In a class of students, there may be people who are short, or “vertically challenged.”
   - Euphemism
   - Mood
   - Oxymoron
   - Onomatopoeia

6. Identify and briefly describe the four rhetorical modes.

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7. Animal Farm is a literary example of:
   - Asyndeton
   - Allegory
   - Euphemism
   - Ethical appeal

Answers:

1) allusion  2) hyperbole  3) aphorism  4) irony
5) euphemism  6) narrative, descriptive, argumentative, expository
7) allegory
Quiz 3 Self-Check: Fill in the blank.

1. An author who can create THIS in a reader will evoke compassion, like in *The Chosen*.

2. “Lie detector tests in court should not be allowed because they are unreliable.” What is this?

3. An author’s diction, tone, use of figurative language, and other such devices all comprise WHAT in an author’s literary piece?

4. Look at this: "The Onion" This is an example of which literary device?

5. The four primary “ways” to write are collectively referred to as?

6. Movement, flow, and coherence in a piece of literature, whether smooth or choppy or varied, is called WHAT?

7. A “chump” would be an example of?

8. “Jumbo shrimp” or “cruel kindness” or “safety hazard” would demonstrate?

9. Sheldon Cooper from “The Big Bang Theory” employs which rhetorical device quite often?

10. Another word for this technique would be ‘exaggeration.’

Answers:

1) pathos  
2) begging the question  
3) syntax  
4) parody  
5) modes / rhetorical modes  
6) pacing  
7) euphemism  
8) oxymoron  
9) sarcasm  
10) hyperbole
Quiz 4  Self-Check

1. In our class, we have people who are short, or “vertically challenged.”

   Onomatopoeia    oxymoron    euphemism    mood

2. “Good things happen to people who work hard.” Which R.D. might this suggest?

   Aphorism    didactic    conceit    parody

3. Verbal, dramatic, and situational are all descriptors of:

   Pacing    irony    big words    juxtaposition

4. Can you differentiate rhetorical modes and rhetorical devices?

   Not sure    yes    no    maybe, have to rethink

5. Which of the following is an example of figurative language?

   Apostrophe    asyndeton    parallelism    metaphor

6. “Give me liberty or give me death.” Which R.D. is evident here?

   Parallelism    narcissism    confusion    antithesis

Answers:

   1) euphemism    2) aphorism    3) irony    4) hope so

   5) metaphor    6) antithesis
Quiz 5 Self – Check

1. Which of the following represents an example of understatement?
   - Non-sequitur You say to a friend who lost her brother, “I know exactly how you feel.”
   - Conceit is a metaphor “Hurricane Florence was a category 4 storm that did a lot of damage.”

2. Which of the following are example(s) of apostrophe? (probably should know this term anyway)
   - “O my goodness!”
   - “O Death, Where is thy Victory?”
   - “O Cannonball, O Cannonball…”
   - “O Earth, where is thy Mother?”

3. Which of these is a periodic sentence?
   - a) In *Much Ado About Nothing*, offstage behind a tree Beatrice sat.
   - b) In the middle of the night, during a horrible electrical storm with thunder and lightning and torrential rains and hail, Dad came home from work.
   - c) Under the redwood tree Jack went.

4. Which of the following pairs have NOTHING to do with each other?
   - Rhetorical devices and rhetorical modes
   - Ethical appeal and pathos
   - Paradox and parody
   - Comparison and allegory

5. Which of the following would represent examples of figurative language?
   - Metaphor The figure 8 in a poem “Red Herring”
   - “I caught a 45 lb bass over the weekend at Smithville Lake.”

6. Which of these are part of the general “umbrella” of SYNTAX?
   - Word choice diction figurative language parallelism

7. Which of these is a rhetorical mode?
   - Exposition argumentation description narration

8. “Every dark cloud has a silver lining.” This is an example of:
   - Euphemism aphorism a wise saying paradox

9. OXYMORON – which of these reflects that phenomenon?
   - “jumbo shrimp” “to make haste slowly” “up the down staircase”
   - “if your nose runs and your feet smell, you’re built upside down”

10. Which of the following are isms?
    - Euphemism aphorism allusion parallelism
Answers: 1) last one 2) “Death” and “Earth” 3) a and c 4) paradox and parody 5) metaphor 6) all of them 7) all of them 8) aphorism 9) all of them 10) really?