

Read the following article which contains notes on four writers and then answer the questions that follow.

A. William Shakespeare

Shakespeare was the greatest dramatist the English speaking world has ever seen. He was born in 1564 to a rural family in Stratford-upon-Avon, in England. At the age of 18, he married Anne Hathaway, Sometime between 1585 and 1592, he began a successful career in London as an actor, writer, and part-owner of a playing company called the Lord Chamberlain's Men, later known as the King's Men. At age 49 around 1613, he appears to have retired to Stratford, where he died three years later. Shakespeare produced most of his known work between 1589 and 1613. His early plays were primarily comedies and histories. He then wrote mainly tragedies (plays with unhappy ending) until about 1608, including *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear* and *Macbeth*, considered some of the finest works in the English language. In his last phase, he wrote tragicomedies, also known as romances and collaborated with other playwrights.

B. Robert Frost

Robert Lee Frost was an American poet. His work was initially published in England before it was published in America. He is highly regarded for his realistic presentations of the rural life in America and his command of American colloquial speech. One of the most popular American poets of the twentieth century, Frost was honoured frequently during his lifetime, receiving four Pulitzer Prizes for Poetry On July 22, 1961, Frost was named poet laureate of Vermont. He was a poet of nature, but nature in the season of autumn. 'The Road not taken' and 'Stopping by woods on a snowy Evening' are two of his most celebrated poems.

C. Rabindranath Tagore

Rabindranath Tagore was an Indian poet of twentieth century, most known for his poem 'Gitanjali'. Tagore was born in the state of Bengal in the year 1861. He was a master in various forms of literature and wrote poems, songs, stories, drama and novels. His works are known for their humanistic themes. He was a fine lyricist with appealing rhythm. He was the first Asian who was awarded the Nobel prize when he got it for literature in the year 1913. He is the poet who wrote India's national anthem. Tagore founded Santhi Niketan, which became one of the most famous experiment in student-friendly teaching system.

D. Orhan Pamuk

Orhan Pamuk is a Turkish novelist, screen writer and scholar who won the Nobel Prize for literature in the year 2006. He was born in Istanbul in 1952. One of Turkey's most prominent novelists, his work has sold over thirteen million books in sixty-three languages, making him the country's best-selling writer. His famous works include *The White Castle*, *The Black Book*, *The New Life*, *My Name Is Red*, *Snow*, *The Museum of Innocence*, and *A Strangeness in My Mind*. He is teaching in Columbia University, U.S.A



The questions below are about the writers (A–D). For each question write the correct letter A, B, C or D on the line.

Which writer:

1. presented village life in his /her poems?
2. got married at the age of eighteen?
3. is known as the author of best-selling novels?
4. wrote on nature as in autumn season?
5. was a master of a variety of literary forms?
6. is an academic working in a university?
7. won the first Nobel prize for Asia?
8. wrote famous tragedies?
9. was awarded the honour 'poet laureate'?
10. led a theatre group named 'King's men'?



ANSWER KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	A	D	B	C	D	C	A	B	A

