

Study Materials

Homer: *Illiad*

1. *Question:* Who is the central character in Homer's Iliad?
 - A) Odysseus
 - B) Achilles
 - C) Hector
 - D) Agamemnon
 - *Answer:* B) Achilles

2. *Question:* What is the reason for the Trojan War in the Iliad?
 - A) Paris stole Helen from Menelaus
 - B) Agamemnon wanted revenge on Troy
 - C) The Trojans attacked the Greeks first
 - D) Achilles sought power and glory
 - *Answer:* A) Paris stole Helen from Menelaus

3. *Question:* Which Greek god supports the Trojans in the Iliad?
 - A) Zeus
 - B) Apollo
 - C) Athena
 - D) Poseidon
 - *Answer:* B) Apollo

4. *Question:* What is Hector's relationship to Paris in the Iliad?
 - A) Father
 - B) Brother
 - C) Cousin
 - D) Friend
 - *Answer:* B) Brother

5. *Question:* Who kills Hector in the Iliad?
 - A) Achilles
 - B) Ajax
 - C) Diomedes
 - D) Patroclus
 - *Answer:* A) Achilles

6. *Question:* Which Greek warrior is known for his exceptional wisdom in the Iliad?
 - A) Ajax
 - B) Diomedes
 - C) Nestor
 - D) Odysseus
 - *Answer:* D) Odysseus

7. *Question:* What is the significance of the Shield of Achilles in the Iliad?
 - A) It grants invincibility to Achilles

- B) It foretells the future of the Trojan War
 - C) It represents the cosmos and human life
 - D) It symbolizes Achilles' defeat
 - *Answer:* C) It represents the cosmos and human life
8. *Question:* Who convinces Achilles to rejoin the Trojan War after his withdrawal?
- A) Patroclus
 - B) Agamemnon
 - C) Odysseus
 - D) Phoenix
 - *Answer:* D) Phoenix
9. *Question:* What is the role of Thetis in the Iliad?
- A) Queen of Troy
 - B) Goddess of love
 - C) Mother of Achilles
 - D) Commander of the Greek army
 - *Answer:* C) Mother of Achilles
10. *Question:* Which hero wounds both Aphrodite and Ares during the Trojan War?
- A) Diomedes
 - B) Ajax
 - C) Hector
 - D) Paris
 - *Answer:* A) Diomedes
11. *Question:* What is the significance of the river god Scamander in the Iliad?
- A) He aids the Greeks in battle
 - B) He protects Troy from invasion
 - C) He battles with Achilles
 - D) He predicts the fall of Troy
 - *Answer:* C) He battles with Achilles
12. *Question:* Which character is known for his tragic flaw of excessive pride (hubris) in the Iliad?
- A) Agamemnon
 - B) Hector
 - C) Achilles
 - D) Priam
 - *Answer:* A) Agamemnon
13. *Question:* What motivates Hector to fight for the Trojans in the Iliad?
- A) Glory and honor
 - B) Revenge against the Greeks
 - C) Love for his family
 - D) Fear of the gods
 - *Answer:* C) Love for his family

14. *Question:* Who serves as the messenger of the gods in the Iliad?
- A) Hermes
 - B) Athena
 - C) Apollo
 - D) Artemis
- *Answer:* A) Hermes
15. *Question:* What is the primary theme of the Iliad?
- A) Love and romance
 - B) War and its consequences
 - C) Justice and morality
 - D) Political intrigue
- *Answer:* B) War and its consequences
16. *Question:* How does Achilles die in the Iliad?
- A) Poisoned by Paris
 - B) Killed by Hector
 - C) Shot by Paris
 - D) Shot in the heel
- *Answer:* B) Killed by Hector
17. *Question:* Who is the father of Paris in the Iliad?
- A) Priam
 - B) Hector
 - C) Agamemnon
 - D) Menelaus
- *Answer:* A) Priam
18. *Question:* What is the role of the seer Calchas in the Iliad?
- A) He leads the Greek army
 - B) He predicts the fall of Troy
 - C) He supports the Trojans
 - D) He is Achilles' mentor
- *Answer:* B) He predicts the fall of Troy
19. *Question:* Who is the goddess of discord that plays a significant role in the events leading to the Trojan War?
- A) Hera
 - B) Athena
 - C) Artemis
 - D) Eris
- *Answer:* D) Eris
20. *Question:* Which Greek warrior is known for his exceptional strength and is second only to Achilles?
- A) Ajax

- B) Diomedes
- C) Hector
- D) Patroclus
- *Answer:* A) Ajax

21. *Question:* What is the significance of the Myrmidons in the Iliad?

- A) They are Trojan allies
- B) They are a band of female warriors
- C) They are Achilles' loyal warriors
- D) They are the leaders of the Greek army
- *Answer:* C) They are Achilles' loyal warriors

22. *Question:* Which god intervenes to save Aeneas from Achilles in the Iliad?

- A) Apollo
- B) Hermes
- C) Poseidon
- D) Zeus
- *Answer:* B) Hermes

23. *Question:* What is the fate of Patroclus in the Iliad?

- A) He becomes the hero of the Trojan War
- B) He kills Hector
- C) He is killed by Hector
- D) He becomes the king of Troy
- *Answer:* C) He is killed by Hector

24. *Question:* Who leads the funeral games in honor of Patroclus in the Iliad?

- A) Achilles
- B) Agamemnon
- C) Nestor
- D) Odysseus
- *Answer:* A) Achilles

25. *Question:* Which Greek hero is known for his clever tactics and cunning in the Iliad?

- A) Diomedes
- B) Ajax
- C) Menelaus
- D) Odysseus
- *Answer:* D) Odysseus

26. *Question:* What is the primary role of the gods in the Iliad?

- A) To remain neutral observers
- B) To support the Trojans
- C) To support the Greeks
- D) To instigate chaos and conflict
- *Answer:* C) To support the Greeks

27. *Question:* Which Greek hero is known for his feud with Agamemnon in the Iliad?
- A) Ajax
 - B) Diomedes
 - C) Achilles
 - D) Odysseus
- *Answer:* C) Achilles
28. *Question:* What is the symbolic significance of Achilles' armor in the Iliad?
- A) It represents his invulnerability
 - B) It is a gift from the gods
 - C) It signifies his heroic status
 - D) It foreshadows his downfall
- *Answer:* D) It foreshadows his downfall
29. *Question:* Who is the queen of the gods and wife of Zeus in the Iliad?
- A) Athena
 - B) Hera
 - C) Artemis
 - D) Demeter
- *Answer:* B) Hera
30. *Question:* What is the role of the river god Xanthus (Scamander) in the Iliad?
- A) He aids the Trojans
 - B) He aids the Greeks
 - C) He remains neutral
 - D) He supports Hector
- *Answer:* A) He aids the Trojans
31. *Question:* Which Greek warrior challenges Hector to a single combat in the Iliad?
- A) Diomedes
 - B) Ajax
 - C) Achilles
 - D) Menelaus
- *Answer:* D) Menelaus
32. *Question:* What is the primary reason for Achilles' anger and withdrawal from the Trojan War?
- A) Agamemnon's disrespect
 - B) Hector's cunning tactics
 - C) Odysseus' betrayal
 - D) Paris' arrogance
- *Answer:* A) Agamemnon's disrespect
33. *Question:* What is the fate of Hector's body after his death in the Iliad?
- A) Burned on a pyre
 - B) Buried with honors

- C) Left to rot on the battlefield
- D) Given to the gods
- *Answer:* C) Left to rot on the battlefield

34. *Question:* Who is the Trojan prince who challenges the Greeks to single combat in the Iliad?

- A) Hector
- B) Paris
- C) Aeneas
- D) Priam
- *Answer:* B) Paris

35. *Question:* What is the role of the character Briseis in the Iliad?

- A) Trojan queen
- B) Greek prophetess
- C) Achilles' captive concubine
- D) Hector's sister
- *Answer:* C) Achilles' captive concubine

36. *Question:* Which god assists Achilles in his duel with Hector?

- A) Apollo
- B) Athena
- C) Hermes
- D) Zeus
- *Answer:* B) Athena

37. *Question:* What is the significance of the "Catalogue of Ships" in the Iliad?

- A) A list of Trojan heroes
- B) A list of Greek warriors
- C) A genealogy of the gods
- D) A record of battles
- *Answer:* B) A list of Greek warriors

38. *Question:* What is the tragic flaw of Paris in the Iliad?

- A) Hubris
- B) Cowardice
- C) Arrogance
- D) Indecision
- *Answer:* C) Arrogance

39. *Question:* Who is the Greek warrior known for his exceptional speed and is often compared to the wind in the Iliad?

- A) Ajax
- B) Diomedes
- C) Achilles
- D) Idomeneus
- *Answer:* D) Idomeneus

40. *Question:* What is the significance of the Trojan Horse in the Iliad?

- A) It is a gift from the gods to Troy
- B) It is a peace offering from the Greeks
- C) It is a clever ruse that leads to Troy's downfall
- D) It is a symbol of Hector's bravery
- *Answer:* C) It is a clever ruse that leads to Troy's downfall