#### Alexander Pushkin

## True/False Questions

1. Alexander Pushkin was born in 1799.

True

2. Pushkin only wrote poetry in the Russian language.

False - He wrote in both Russian and French.

3. "Eugene Onegin" is one of Pushkin's famous novels written in verse.

True

4. Pushkin never got in trouble with the Russian government.

**False** – He got into trouble for his political ideas.

5. Pushkin died at the age of 37 after a duel.

True

# Open-Ended Questions

1. Where was Alexander Pushkin born, and in what year?

Answer: He was born in Moscow, Russia, in 1799.

2. What inspired Pushkin to love the Russian language and its culture? Answer: His nanny, Arina, told him many Russian folk tales, which inspired his love for Russian language and culture.

- 3. What was the name of the school Pushkin attended at the age of 12? Answer: He attended the Tsarskoye Selo Lyceum near St. Petersburg.
- 4. What was Pushkin's first published work, and at what age was it published?

**Answer:** His first poem was published when he was 15 years old.

5. Name two of Pushkin's most famous works.

**Answer**: "Eugene Onegin" and "The Bronze Horseman" are two of his famous works.

6. Why did Pushkin get in trouble with the government?

**Answer:** He got into trouble because his poems and letters criticized the government and talked about the need for political change.

7. What was Pushkin's role in Russian literature, and why is he called the "father of Russian literature"?

**Answer:** Pushkin used everyday Russian language in his works, making literature accessible to ordinary people. This earned him the title "father of Russian literature."

#### 8. How did Pushkin die, and who was involved?

**Answer:** Pushkin died in a duel with a French officer named Georges d'Anthès in 1837.

# 9. What important role did Pushkin's family background play in his life and work?

**Answer:** His noble family and his great-grandfather, an African prince, played a part in shaping his unique heritage, which influenced his life and writings.

### 10. How is Pushkin remembered in Russia today?

**Answer:** He is remembered as one of Russia's greatest poets, with a day dedicated to him (Pushkin Day), and many statues, monuments, and a museum honoring him.