Poetry Opinionaire

This survey asks you to consider your own ideas about poetry. In the space provided mark whether you agree (A) or disagree (D) with the following statements:

1. Poetry is difficult to understand: ______

2. Reading poetry aloud and performing it is fun: ______

3. Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds: ______

4. The secret of poetry is never explained to students: ______

5. The best poetry uses rhyme and rhythm: ______

6. A teacher’s lesson on a poem often destroys it: ______

7. All good poetry is a spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: ______

8. A love of poetry is one of life’s great delights: ______

9. We should always read a poem several times in order to fully understand it: ______

10. Most poets write to reflect upon their lives, interests and concerns: ______