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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021.

Second Semester

English

AMERICAN LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2016 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. In "I, Too", the speaker says that tomorrow, no one will dare to _____
 - (a) tell him to eat in the kitchen
 - (b) insult him
 - (c) throw him out
 - (d) hurt him
2. What did Mary do while Warren went in to check on Silas?
 - (a) Finish the knitting she was still clutching
 - (b) Watch the night sky
 - (c) Think of the argument she thought she would ensue
 - (d) Picked-morning glories

3. What does Thoreau use as a metaphor for government?
(a) A Ship (b) A Train
(c) A Machine (d) A Light house
4. "The American Scholar" was a speech given by____
(a) Abraham Lincoln (b) Thomas Jefferson
(c) John C. Calhoun (d) Ralph Waldo Emerson
5. Only one member of the _____ family has survived from generation to generation.
(a) Usher (b) Miller
(c) Taylor (d) Wilson
6. Marian walks into the building carrying a _____
(a) Chair (b) Mat
(c) Potted Plant (d) Baby
7. For What region is Willy responsible in his sales?
(a) Brooklyn (b) New England
(c) Queens and Long Island (d) New Jersey
8. What kind of flowers does George bring to Martha?
(a) Dandelions (b) Tiger lilies
(c) Roses (d) Snap dragons
9. What does Uncle John give to children?
(a) Gum (b) Box
(c) Candy (d) Doll
10. Tommy always drink _____ in the morning.
(a) Orange juice (b) Coca-Cola
(c) Coffee (d) Tea

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) How is Death personified in “Because I could not stop for Death”?

Or

- (b) Comment on the thought of the poem “To Brooklyn Bridge”.

12. (a) What is the main idea of “The American Scholar”?

Or

- (b) What is the Thoreau's opinion on wealth and consumption? Why does he say that the rich are less likely to practice civil Disobedience?

13. (a) Why does the narrator come to the House of Usher?

Or

- (b) How does the title “A visit of charity” contradicts the meaning of the story?

14. (a) Examine the significance of the flute music in Death of a salesman.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of George in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf.

15. (a) Bring out the main theme of The Grapes of Wrath.

Or

- (b) Give a short description of Tommy Wilhelm.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)
in about 600 words each.

16. (a) Consider the poem “When Lilacs last in the
Dooryard Bloomed” as an Elegy.

Or

- (b) Narrate the debate between Mary and
Warren.

17. (a) Describe the scholar’s first resource.

Or

- (b) How does Thoreau present government as
useless in relation to moral issues?

18. (a) “The Cop and the Anthem” is a series of
humorous events that happened to soapy-
substantiate.

Or

- (b) Explore the theme of honesty through Joya’s
character.

19. (a) Is Death of a Salesman a tragedy.

Or

- (b) Consider Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf? as
an absurd drama.

20. (a) How is New York City presented in Seize the
Day?

Or

- (b) Describe the setting in The Grapes of Wrath.