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Second Semester

English – Main

AMERICAN LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. In the poem "The Raven" the student begins to imagine the raven as a _____.
 - (a) God
 - (b) Lover
 - (c) Messenger
 - (d) King

2. Poe was an American author and literary critic during the ____ century.
(a) 20th (b) 19th
(c) 18th (d) 21st
3. Which poet made frequent visits to Thoreau's cabin at Walden?
(a) William Ellery Channing
(b) Emily Dickinson
(c) Walt Whitman
(d) William Wordsworth
4. What creatures does Thoreau witness a battle?
(a) Ants (b) Mice
(c) Birds (d) Cats
5. What was Behrman's masterpiece?
(a) Painting a picture of sue
(b) Painting a picture of Johnsy
(c) Painting a picture of a leaf
(d) All of the above
6. Who looked after Johnsy so well?
(a) Sue (b) Johnsy's mother
(c) Behrman (d) Johnsy's father

7. What makes a man to recover from illness soon?
- (a) The will to face problems
 - (b) To eat healthy food
 - (c) The will to live
 - (d) All of the above
8. In the story "The Night the Ghost got in", the mother has thrown the shoe on ____.
- (a) Her son
 - (b) Her husband
 - (c) Mr.Sue
 - (d) Mr.Bodwell
9. What is the additional punishment that Hester must endure following her imprisonment?
- (a) Branding
 - (b) Walking naked back to her home and through the crowds
 - (c) Whipping
 - (d) Three hours of public humiliation on a scaffold
10. Why has Hester's husband been away?
- (a) Evangelizing
 - (b) Shipwrecked
 - (c) Treating the rural poor
 - (d) Deer hunting

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Give a short note on the thoughts of *The Philosophy of Composition* by Poe.

Or

- (b) Comment on the main idea lies in *The Battle of the Ants* by Thoreau.

12. (a) What is the final impact of the raven on the poet?

Or

- (b) Consider *O Captain! My Captain!* by Walt Whitman an elegy?

13. (a) Sketch the character of Sue in *The Last Leaf*.

Or

- (b) Write a brief note on the title of *The night the ghost got in* by James Thurber.

14. (a) Why does Joe Keller decide to commit suicide in *All My Sons*?

Or

- (b) What is the impact of the ending of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*?

15. (a) What are the purposes of the opening Custom-House essay in *The Scarlet Letter*?

Or

- (b) Does Chillingworth ever forgive Hester in *The Scarlet Letter*?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Write an essay on the Unity of Effect in "The philosophy of composition".

Or

- (b) State the persuasive techniques that are used in Martin Luther King's *I Have a Dream*, speech?

17. (a) Explain the power of dreams in Poe's poem *The Raven*.

Or

- (b) Write a critical appreciation of the poem *O Captain! My Captain!* by Walt Whitman.

18. (a) Comment on Behrman and his masterpiece in *The Last Leaf*.

Or

- (b) State the comical elements in the short story *The Night the Ghost Got In*.

19. (a) What is the relationship between Joe's defense for his crime and the key themes of the play *All My Sons*?

Or

- (b) *All My Sons* is about a man who makes a profit at the expense of his responsibility to society. Illustrate.

20. (a) Explain the changes in Hester in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*?

Or

- (b) What punishments would the Puritan women have given Hester Prynne if it were left to them?
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