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English

AMERICAN LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2012 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Mention the name of the bird referred to in 'When Lilacs Last in the Doory and Bloomld'.
(a) Thrush (b) Linnet
(c) Nightingale (d) Cuckoo
2. Dickuison decides to celebrate, the Sabbath
_____.
(a) In a church (b) With friends
(c) At home (d) With children

3. Cumming's Cambridge ladies believe in
_____.
(a) Long fellow (b) Whitman
(c) Frost (d) Dickinson
4. Who is referred to as the black man in 'To Daddy'?
(a) A German (b) An English Man
(c) Hitler (d) Plath's father
5. Which system does Emerson accuse of fostering restlessness?
(a) System of religion (b) System of politics
(c) System of travel (d) System of education
6. In his speech, Faulkner points out that
_____.
(a) He writes for fame
(b) He writes for money
(c) He writs for home
(d) He writes to contribute to the mankind
7. Who is jealous of Emperor Jones?
(a) Smithers (b) Jeff
(c) A prison guard (d) An overseas



8. Doctor Jim Bayliss in the neighbour of _____.

- (a) Steve Deever (b) Joe keller
(c) George (d) Ann

9. Morris Bober emigrated from _____.

- (a) Russia (b) Poland
(c) Siberia (d) Slovenia

10. The world of The Turn of Screw is dominated by _____.

- (a) Idiots (b) Children
(c) Men (d) Women

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) How does Dickuison expose the hypocrisy of conventional religion in "Some keep the Sabbath Going to Church"?

Or

(b) Bring out the inner meaning of the poem 'After Apple – Picking'.

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12. (a) Comment on the title of the poem 'To Daddy'.

Or

(b) Trace the evolution of thought content in the poem 'Harlen Night – Club'.

13. (a) Examine Emerson's discussion of the value of self – worth in 'Self – Reliance'.

Or

(b) What are the rhetorical devices that Faulkner uses in his speech?

14. (a) Describe the circumstances leading to the death of Emperor Jones.

Or

(b) Why does Kate Keller oppose to Anne getting married to Chris? .

15. (a) Describe the circumstances that led Frank to work in Morris Boner's grocery'.

Or

(b) How does Mrs. Grose come to believe in the presence of the ghost?

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Critically examine the poem 'When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd'.

Or

- (b) Discuss Poe's morbid preoccupation with loneliness and sadness with special reference to 'The Sleeper'.

17. (a) How does 'Anecdote of the Jar' reveal male dominance over a traditionally feminized landscape?

Or

- (b) Examine the thought content in the poem 'The Cambridge Ladies'.

18. (a) Consider 'Self Reliance' an expression of Emerson's Transcendentalism.

Or

- (b) Summarize Faulkner's Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech.

19. (a) Consider Emperor Jones a tragic hero.

Or

- (b) Discuss the play All My Sons as a tragedy.

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20. (a) Examine the themes of the novel The Assistant.

Or

- (b) Discuss the aptness of the title of the novel The Turn of the Screw.
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