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M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023.

Second Semester

English — Core

AMERICAN LITERATURE — II

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. What should audiences express, as a result of modern poetry?  
(a) Shared emotions  
(b) Apathy  
(c) New knowledge about writing  
(d) Thoughts about war

2. Who guesses that no one loves anyone?  
(a) The woman and men in town  
(b) The children in town  
(c) Everyone  
(d) None
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the protagonist of "Notes of a Native Son".  
(a) Uncle Tom (b) David Baldwin  
(c) Richard Wright (d) Thomas
4. When Amy Tan was young, how did she felt about her mother's use of English?  
(a) Enjoyed (b) Elated  
(c) Embarrassed (d) Overjoyed
5. How does Nick Adams find his way to the camp?  
(a) The stars (b) The compass  
(c) The river (d) A map
6. Who has the face "As broad and innocent as a cabbage" in 'A Good Man is Hard to Find'?  
(a) Bailey's Father (b) Bailey's Sister  
(c) Bailey's Wife (d) Bailey's Mother

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7. On what charge is Giles Corey arrested?  
 (a) Contempt of court (b) Witchcraft  
 (c) Murder (d) Slander
8. How many daughters does Peter have in the play *The Zoo Story*?  
 (a) Four (b) Three  
 (c) Two (d) One
9. From what disability does Anse Bundren suffer?  
 (a) A speech defect (b) A hunchback  
 (c) Blindness (d) A game leg
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is Scout's real name.  
 (a) Louise John Finch (b) Louise Marie Finch  
 (c) Jean Louise Finch (d) Louise Finch Alan

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) How does the poem "Edge" reveal a shift in Sylvia Plath's attitude toward life and death?  
 Or  
 (b) Why does e.e. Cummings spell "noone" as one word instead of two?

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12. (a) Analyse James Baldwin's relationship with his father with reference to "Notes of a Native Son".

Or

- (b) What role does language play in Amy Tan's life?
13. (a) How does Hemingway highlight Nick Adam's mental and physical condition in "Big Two-Hearted River"?

Or

- (b) What does Harlan Ellison say about technology in "I Have No Mouth, and I Must Scream"?
14. (a) Discuss Elizabeth's behavior in the court in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.

Or

- (b) How does *The Zoo Story* become a criticism of modern capitalist society?
15. (a) Write Addie's relationship to her children in William Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying*.

Or

- (b) Why does Aunt Alexandra move into the Finch household?

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss Sylvia Plath as a confessional poet with reference to her poem "Edge".

Or

- (b) Critically analyse Maya Angelou "Life Doesn't Frighten Me".

17. (a) Examine African American life and culture in "Notes of a Native Son".

Or

- (b) How does Alice Walker deal with race and gender in "In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens"? Examine.

18. (a) Comment on O'Connor's views of the family as she presents it in "A Good Man is Hard to Find".

Or

- (b) Analyse the ideals of femininity and womanhood in Kincaid's "Girl".

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19. (a) Discuss Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* as a political allegory.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Jerry in Edward Albee's *The Zoo Story*.

20. (a) Comment on the structure of the novel *As I Lay Dying*. What does Faulkner accomplish by choosing an unconventional narrative style?

Or

- (b) Critically examine Scout's unbiased point of view in *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.

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