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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. Poe's "The Philosophy of Composition" discusses how he has crafted the poem _____.
(a) The Raven (b) Anabel Lee
(c) The Bells (d) To Helen
2. Edgar Allan Poe was born in _____.
(a) 1809 (b) 1810
(c) 1802 (d) 1805

3. Who was the visitor to Poe's chamber?
(a) Raven (b) Owl
(c) Flemming (d) Vulture
4. What was the only word uttered by the raven? ,
(a) Nothing more (b) Nerver more
(c) Once more (d) Ever more
5. The story "The Last Leaf" takes place in _____ village.
(a) Salem (b) Stanford
(c) Greenwich (d) Seattle
6. The name of the stranger in "The Last Leaf" is _____.
(a) Mr. Pneumonia (b) Mr. Stanley
(c) Mr. Heathcliff (d) Mr. Linton
7. Who uses astrology to determine whether Larry was alive?
(a) Joe Keller (b) Annie
(c) Kate (d) Elizabeth



8. Who was Larry's former girlfriend?
 (a) Kate (b) Annie
 (c) Lydia Lubey (d) Elizabeth
9. In what century is the story of Hester Prynne set?
 (a) The sixteenth century
 (b) The seventeenth century
 (c) The eighteenth century
 (d) The nineteenth century
10. What is the occupation of the narrator in *The Scarlet Letter*?
 (a) attorney (b) minister
 (c) land surveyor (d) customs officer

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

10. Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b) in about 250 words.
11. (a) Give a detailed description of 'A Battle of Ants'
- Or
- (b) Which elements contribute to the construction of good writing according to Poe's "The Philosophy of Composition"? Explain.

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12. (a) Write a note on Poe's encounter in "The Raven".

Or

- (b) Write a short note on the song of praise for the Captain who led the ship and its crew through a dangerous voyage.

13. (a) Attempt a brief analysis of the short story "The Last Leaf".

Or

- (b) What are the themes employed in "The Night the Ghost Got In"? Explain.

14. (a) Write a short note on the plot of *All My Sons*.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Steve.

15. (a) Describe the landscapes used in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*.

Or

- (b) Explain the themes used in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Explain the Consideration of Effect used by Poe in "The Philosophy of Composition".

Or

- (b) Thoreau's thoughts are heading to the war of humans and the war of nations – Elucidate.

17. (a) Critically analyse "The Raven".

Or

- (b) "Can art help heal the wounds of a nation after a tremendous loss?" – Elucidate with reference to the poem "O Captain! My Captain!"

18. (a) Analyse the themes used in the short story "The Last Leaf".

Or

- (b) Explain the theme of commitment in the story "Regret".

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19. (a) Explain the themes used by Arthur Miller in his drama, *All My Sons*.

Or

- (b) Elucidate the historical context of *All My Sons*.

20. (a) Explain the significance of the title *The Scarlet Letter*.

Or

- (b) *The Scarlet Letter* is considered a romance by many literary scholars – Elucidate.

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