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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 questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. 'Let America be America Again' takes up a _____ proclamation.
(a) Sentimental (b) Patriotic
(c) Trivial (d) Romantic
2. The writer who said poetry has to be 'The finding of a satisfaction' is _____.
(a) Sylvia Path (b) Cummings
(c) Wallace Stevens (d) Langston Hughes

3. 'Notes of a Native Son' is a collection of _____ essays.

(a) 10 (b) 20
(c) 25 (d) 34

4. 'In search of our mother's gardens' looks back at the African – American during the era of _____

(a) Colonization
(b) Industrial revolution
(c) Slavery
(d) Depression

5. The artificial intelligence in 'I have no mouth, and I must scream' is named _____

(a) ATM (b) AI
(c) AM (d) AR

6. In 'Girl', the daughter interrupts her mother _____

(a) once (b) twice
(c) thrice (d) multiple times

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7. The argument between proctor, parris and others centers about _____
- (a) Money/land deeds
 - (b) Money/education
 - (c) Agriculture/religion
 - (d) Power/Religion
8. Jerry talks to Peter about his _____ in the Zoo story.
- (a) Mother
 - (b) Teacher
 - (c) Sister
 - (d) Landlady
9. Cash with all his carpentry skills prepares a _____ for his mother.
- (a) Cupboard
 - (b) Table
 - (c) Chair
 - (d) Coffin
10. The author of 'As I lay dying' is _____
- (a) William Faulkner
 - (b) William Wordsworth
 - (c) William Golding
 - (d) William Smith

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) List the various things the girl looks and sounds she listens before sleeping, as portrayed in 'Life doesn't frighten me'.
- Or
- (b) Name and discuss any two literary devices employed in the poem, 'Of modern poetry'.
12. (a) Explain the significant position the gardens hold in Walker's 'In search of our mothers Gardens'.
- Or
- (b) Discuss the major theme of Amy Tan's 'Mother Tongue'.
13. (a) Sketch the character of the grandmother from, 'A Goodman is Hard to find'.
- Or
- (b) Interpret the vital role of machines towards humans in 'I have no mouth, and I must scream'.



14. (a) Explain reverend Hale's major concern in 'The crucible'.

Or

- (b) Categorise and connect the different symbols employed in Albee's 'The zoo story'.

15. (a) Deduct the reasons for Boo Radley's stay inside always.

Or

- (b) Evaluate how religion and faith in intertwined in 'As I lay Dying'.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Tell about the poetic techniques employed in Plath's 'Edge'.

Or

- (b) What is the major discrepancy highlighted in the poem, 'Let American be America Again' Enumerate?

17. (a) Explain the prose style and structure of the essay, 'Notes of a Native son' by James Baldwin.

Or

- (b) Discuss the circumstances why Amy Tan Feels that her growth in language was under limitation?

18. (a) Interpret the various themes in the story, 'A Goodman in Hard to find'.

Or

- (b) Show how the story 'I have no mouth, and I must scream' project masculinity in its content. Discuss in detail.

19. (a) Explain the functioning of the government in Salem. How much beneficial was it to the society in 'The Crucible'.

Or

- (b) Appraise the approach of Jerry and Peter towards Animals in the play, 'The zoo story'.

20. (a) Defend the concept of American family and education system as discussed in Harper Lee's 'To kill a Mockingbird'.

Or

- (b) Evaluate the usage of imagery in 'As I lay Dying'.

