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M.A ENGLISH

American Literature

(For those who joined in July 2024 onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

PART – A (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

Choose the correct answer :

1. What word does the Sea Murmur in 'out of the Cradle
Endlessly rocking?
(a) Death (b) Love
(c) Hope (d) Life
2. What does the magnified apples in the "Pane of glass"
suggest?

- (a) The speaker's distorted perception
 - (b) The perfection of the apples
 - (c) The importance of details
 - (d) The weight of responsibilities
3. What is the main focus of Amy Tan's essay 'Mother Tongue'?
- (a) Comparing English and Chinese grammar
 - (b) Analyzing the impact of technology on language
 - (c) Exploring different versions of English in various contexts
 - (d) Discussing the history of the English language
4. In which town did Thoreau spend most of his life?
- (a) Boston
 - (b) Concord
 - (c) Plymouth
 - (d) Providence
5. What is Happy's real name?
- (a) Harlold
 - (b) Harlan
 - (c) William
 - (d) Benjamin
6. Blanche was _____ when she got married.
- (a) 15
 - (b) 16
 - (c) 17
 - (d) 18
7. Who is Frank's girl Friend?

- (a) Lily (b) Cee
(c) Rose (d) Bee
8. Which instrument does Mademoiselle Reisz play?
(a) The clarinet (b) The flute
(c) The guitar (d) The piano
9. What does Bartleby refuse to do in prison?
(a) Speak (b) listen
(c) Eat (d) All of the above
10. "The conversation of the Jews" was first published in ____
(a) 1959 (b) 1958
(c) 1960 (d) 1961

PART – B (5 X 5 = 25 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Summarize Walt Whitman's poem "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking".

(OR)

- (b) Comment on the title of the poem "The Soul Selects her own Society".

12. (a) Discuss the theme of "Mother Tongue" written by Amy Tan.

(OR)

- (b) How does Thoreau use Seasons and symbols in “Walden”

13. (a) Analyze Willy Loman’s career choice?

(OR)

- (b) Compare and contrast the characters of Blanche and Stella.

14. (a) How does Tony Morrison distinguish between Black and white characters in “home”?

(OR)

- (b) Analyze the significance of three major symbols in “The Awakening”.

15. (a) Why is “The Cask of Amontillado” ironic?

(OR)

- (b) Sketch the character of Lawyer in “Bartleby the Scrivener”.

PART – C (5 X 8 = 40 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Critically analyze the poem “After Apple Picking”.

(OR)

(b) Justify the title of the poem “Cambridge Ladies”.

17. (a) Explain the thematic significance of the motion imagery and how does it reflects Herzog’s internal conditions.

(OR)

(b) Consider the significance of Walden pond as a symbol.

18. (a) Discuss the reason for Willy’s rejection of Charley’s job offer?

(OR)

(b) How does desire drive the actions of the main characters in “A street Car named in Desire” and what are its consequences?

19. (a) In what ways does the bond between Frank and Cee develop in Toni Morrison’s “Home”?

(OR)

(b) Explain the major themes explored in “The Awakening”.

20. (a) Write a critical appreciation of the short story “The Cask of Amontillado”.

(OR)

(b) Enumerate Melville's thoughts expressed in "Bartleby the Scriviner".