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Fourth Semester

English — Core

AMERICAN LITERATURE — II

(For those who joined in July 2021 & 2022 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Fredrick Douglass learnt to read and write at the age of _____.
(a) 10 (b) 11
(c) 12 (d) 13
2. A compromise is an adjustment of conflicting claims by mutual _____.
(a) Concretes (b) Confusions
(c) Conditions (d) Concessions

3. Which stanza is the longest in Maya Angelou's poem "Women Work"?
(a) I (b) II
(c) III (d) IV
4. In which year did Pablo Neruda receive the Nobel prize for literature?
(a) 1971 (b) 1978
(c) 1981 (d) 1991
5. Chato suffers from _____.
(a) Tuberculosis (b) Dementia
(c) Jaundice (d) Dyslexia
6. Viet thanh Ngugen was born in _____.
(a) Russia (b) America
(c) Vietnam (d) Japan
7. _____ becomes George Washington's right hand
(a) Aaron Burin (b) Alexander Hamilton
(c) Hercules Mulligan (d) James Madison

8. Melinda is the slave of _____
 (a) Mr. Hamilton (b) Glen
 (c) Dr. Gaines (d) Jacob Scragg
9. What is Henry's occupation?
 (a) Professor (b) Doctor
 (c) Novelist (d) Spy
10. Nemesis is the Greek god of _____
 (a) War
 (b) Vengeance
 (c) Hunting
 (d) Love

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain why Mr. Auld forbid Mrs. Auld from teaching Douglass to read and write.

Or

- (b) Why should there be no compromise on moral principles, according to Ayn Rand?

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12. (a) Write about the setting of Maya Angelou's Poem "Women Work".

Or

- (b) Write about the theme of Garrett Kaoru Hongo's poem "Yellow Light".

13. (a) Write a note on the theme of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's short story "One of these days".

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Ayah.

14. (a) How important is the opening of Lin Manuel Miranda's "Hamilton: An American musical"?

Or

- (b) The subject of sexual exploitation of female slaves appears to be attractive to William Wells Brown - Explain.

15. (a) Sketch the character of Lelia Park.

Or

- (b) Discuss the character of Bucky Cantor.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Summarize Chapter VII of Fredrick Douglass' "Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass an American Slave".

Or

- (b) Describe the compromises in Ayn Rand's "Doesn't life require compromise".
17. (a) Write an essay on the black women's labour and freedom as depicted in Maya Angelou's poem "Noman Work".

Or

- (b) Write about multiculturalism and diversity that defines the city in Garrett Keoru Hongo's poem "Yellow Light".
18. (a) What does the title of the story "One of the days" suggest?

Or

- (b) Discuss the native American issues in the story "Black-eyed Women".

19. (a) 'Lin Manuel Miranda brings history back into the present through his Musical' - Explain.

Or

- (b) The play "The Escape; or a Leap for freedom" explores the subject of slavery in the history of the USA - Explain.

20. (a) 'Henry Park, the protagonist of Chang-Rae Lee's novel struggles with his multiple identities' - Discuss.

Or

- (b) Discuss the theme of Philip Roth's novel "Nemesis".