

PC – 303 CV-19
(403) M.A. English (Third Semester)
Examination Dec.-2020
Compulsory/Optional
American Literature
Group -
Paper - I

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80
[Minimum Pass Marks : 29

नोट : दोनों खण्डों से निर्देशानुसार उत्तर दीजिए। प्रश्नों के अंक उनके दाहिनी ओर अंकित हैं।

Note : Answer from both the Section as directed. The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Section-A

1. Answer any ten of the following objective type questions : 1 X 10
- a) Who wrote the 'Leaves of Grass', one of the classics of American Poetry?
(i) Walt Whitman (ii) Robert Frost (iii) T.S. Eliot
- b) Transcendentalism values :
(i) Conformity (ii) Non Conformity (iii) Society
- c) In 'Mending Wall', what is there that does not love a wall?
(i) God (ii) Something (iii) Nature (iv) Neighbour
- d) Where did the Loman family live?
(i) Brooklyn (ii) Boston (iii) New York
- e) What is the play 'Emperor Jones' an allegory for?
(i) Parenthood (ii) U.S. Imperialism (iii) Integration (iv) Marriage
- f) What is the name of the journal launched by Transcendentalists?
(i) Nature (ii) The Dial (iii) Transcend
- g) When did Thoreau publish 'Civil Disobedience'-
(i) 1780 (ii) 1873 (iii) 1849 (iv) 1900
- h) Who is Santiago's favourite baseball player?
(i) Joe Dimaggio (ii) Robinson (iii) Lou Gehrig
- i) Which of the Compson children is the eldest?
(i) Benjy (ii) Caddy (iii) Jason (iv) Quentin
- j) What year did Faulkner have 'The Sound and the Fury' published?
(i) 1876 (ii) 1959 (iii) 1945 (iv) 1929
- k) What bends the birches down to stay in Frost's 'Birches'.
(i) ice storms (ii) heavy rains (iii) children playing on them
- l) What kind of a poem is 'When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd'?
(i) A dirge (ii) A sonnet (iii) An Elegy
2. Attempt any five of the following short answer type questions : 2 X 5
- a) What are the three symbols of trinity in the poem 'When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed' and their importance?
- b) What is the main theme of 'Birches'?
- c) Why is Willy annoyed with Biff?
- d) Describe the relationship between the old man and Manolin?
- e) What is Thoreau's main message to people in Civil Disobedience?
- f) Why is 'The Sound and Fury' considered a modernist text?

Section-B

4 X 3

3. Explain with reference to context :

- (a) O great star disappear'd – O the black murk that hides the star.
O cruel hands that hold me powerless – O helpless soul of me.
O harsh surrounding cloud that will not free my soul.

Or

He gives his harness bells a shake.
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep.
Of easy wind and downy flake.

- (b) I don't say he is a great man. Willy Loman never made a lot of money. His name was never in the paper. He's not the finest character ever lived.

Or

Work a lifetime to pay off a house. You finally own it, and there's nobody to live in it.

- (c) A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesman and philosophers and divines. With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do.

Or

Society never advances. It recedes as fast as one side as it gains on other. It undergoes continual changes, it is barbarous, it is civilized, it is Christianized. it is rich, it is scientific, but this change is not amelioration.

Answer the following long answer type questions :

12 X 4

4. Analyse Whitman's 'When lilac last in the Dooryard Bloom'd' as a Pastoral elegy.

Or

Write a critical appreciation of 'mending wall' written by Robert frost.

5. How does 'Death of a salesman' critique today's capitalist society and American dream.

Or

Explain 'Emperor Jones' as a modern tragedy.

6. Discuss themes of individualism and independence in 'Self Reliance'.

Or

Discuss the major themes of 'Civil Disobedience'.

7. Analyse the major conflict of 'The Old Man and the Sea'.

Or

Faulkner is at once America's most traditional and most modern writer, Discuss.