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First Semester

English – Core

AMERICAN LITERATURE – I

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. According to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow the days of youth pass away like the _____.
(a) cloud
(b) rain
(c) wind
(d) lightening

2. From which book is the poem 'Song of the Open Road' taken from?
(a) Yellow Leaves
(b) Leaves of Grass
(c) Collection of Poetry
(d) Journey of Native Place
3. The phrase self made man is coined by _____ in the United States Senate.
(a) Franklin (b) Henry Clay
(c) Ezra Pound (d) Frederick Douglas
4. Between 1755 and 1756, the Massachusetts slave population was approximately _____ percent of the total population.
(a) 1.2 (b) 2.1
(c) 2.2 (d) 2.3
5. After death, the old man's body in Poe's 'The Tell Tale Heart' was _____.
(a) cremated
(b) dismembered and buried
(c) dismembered
(d) thrown away

6. How many matches does the man in London's 'To Build a Fire' light at once?
- (a) 70 (b) 100
(c) 10 (d) 90
7. The judge sentences Yank to an imprisonment of _____.
- (a) 12 days (b) 30 days
(c) 20 days (d) 1 day
8. Tom, the narrator of the play Glass Menagerie appears as a _____.
- (a) soldier (b) merchant
(c) sailor (d) doctor
9. What was the name of the German family whom the Marches had befriended?
- (a) Hummel (b) Hertz
(c) Schmidt (d) Schwartz
10. Tom vows to follow in the footsteps of _____.
- (a) Ma (b) Casy
(c) Pa (d) God

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Discuss: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem 'My Lost Youth' is about youth, love and Longing.

Or

- (b) Describe the metaphoric journey represented by Whitman's 'Song of the Open Road'.

12. (a) Elaborate how Frederic Douglass expresses the significance of inherent ability of all individuals.

Or

- (b) Examine Emerson's ideas on American civilization.

13. (a) How does the old man's vulture eye disturb the narrator?

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of 'Man' in Jack London's story 'To Build a Fire'.

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14. (a) Discuss: 'The Hairy Ape' as a satire on American culture.

Or

- (b) Enumerate: 'The Glass Menagerie' as a memory play.

15. (a) Discuss the similarities and differences between Jo and Amy. How do these differences lead to Laurie's love for Jo but eventual marriage to Amy?

Or

- (b) Describe the meeting between Tom Joad and Muley Graves.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Examine the theme of isolation, sorrow and despair in Robert Frost's poem 'Acquainted with the Night'.

Or

- (b) Consider 'The River Merchant's Wife - A Letter' as a love poem.

17. (a) Comment on the ideas of Thoreau in the slavery of Massachusetts.

Or

- (b) Comment on Frederick Douglass ideas on 'Self Made Men'.

18. (a) Justify: The theme of 'The Tell Tale Heart' is criminals cannot suppress their conscience and express their misdeed themselves.

Or

- (b) Instinct over intellectualism is the theme of Jack London's 'To Build a Fire' - Analyse.

19. (a) Evaluate : The Hairy Ape as an Expressionistic play.

Or

- (b) Evaluate : The aptness of the title Glass Menagerie.

20. (a) Elaborate the women's struggle described by Alcott in his novel 'Little Woman'.

Or

- (b) Discuss the aptness of the title 'The Grapes of Wrath'.