

MA ENGLISH
THIRD SEMESTER (SPECIAL REPEAT)
MODERN AMERICAN LITERATURE
MEN-303

(Use separate answer scripts for Objective & Descriptive)

Duration : 3 hrs.

Full Marks : 70

Time : 20 min.

(PART-A: Objective)

Marks : 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

- Frost uses the image of two diverged roads in the poem, "The Road Not Taken" to symbolize:
 - Sorrow and regret
 - The love of adventure
 - Spirit of independence
 - Choices of life
- In which volume of poetry by Robert Frost was "Design" included?
 - New Hampshire
 - Mountain Interval
 - A Boy's Will
 - A Further Range
- "After Apple Picking" was published in:
 - 1941
 - 1914
 - 1936
 - 1963
- "Design" was first titled as:
 - "The White"
 - "In White"
 - "Of White"
 - "On White"
- What is the name of the young man in *The Old Man and the Sea*?
 - Santiago
 - Joe DiMaggio
 - Manolin
 - Marlin
- In which year was *The Old Man and the Sea* published?
 - 1950
 - 1951
 - 1952
 - 1953
- Who is Santiago's hero?
 - Harry Truman
 - Joe DiMaggio
 - Dick Sisler
 - Fidel Castro
- The young boy's parents believed Santiago as 'salao'. What does the term mean?
 - Crazy
 - Selfish
 - Washed up
 - Worst form of unlucky
- How does Hemingway describe Santiago's eyes?
 - They are full of pain
 - They are blank with defeat
 - They betray the weariness of his soul
 - They are the colour of the sea
- Which of the following is Frost's first published book?
 - Friendly People
 - A Boy's Will
 - Mending Wall
 - Good Fences

11. Find the correct statement.
 - a. Modernist writing encouraged traditional values and assumptions
 - b. Modernist writing was about the valorization of the Utopic world
 - c. Modernist Writers wanted to move beyond Realism to introduce such concepts as disjointed timelines
 - d. None of these
12. American Declaration of Independence was adopted on _____
 - a. 4th July, 1775
 - b. 14th July, 1776
 - c. 4th July, 1776
 - d. 4th June, 1776
13. What are Knickerbockers?
 - a. A magazine
 - b. Group of romantic writers
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. None of these
14. Who wrote White Fang?
 - a. Jack London
 - b. Stephen Crane
 - c. Walt Whitman
 - d. Alice Walker
15. Who was the first American writer to be awarded the Nobel Prize for literature?
 - a. Ernest Hemingway
 - b. William Faulkner
 - c. Sinclair Lewis
 - d. F. Scott Fitzgerald
16. Sophie's choice was written by
 - a. Joseph Heller
 - b. Tennessee Williams
 - c. William Styron
 - d. J.D Salinger
17. Who said this line- " I'll rise- but I won't shine"?
 - a. Amanda Wingfield
 - b. Laura Wingfield
 - c. Tom Wingfield
 - d. Jim O'Connor
18. To whom did Tennessee Williams refer to the person's life as 'paranoia'?
 - a. Amanda Wingfield
 - b. Laura Wingfield
 - c. Tom Wingfield
 - d. Jim O'Connor
19. Tennessee Williams won the New York Critics Circle Award for which play?
 - a. A Streetcar named Desire
 - b. The Glass Menagerie
 - c. Cat on a Hot Tin roof
 - d. He did not win the Award
20. Who was the native chief in *The Emperor Jones*?
 - a. Brutus
 - b. Henry
 - c. Lem
 - d. None of these

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(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. a. Give a character analysis of Emperor Jones. 5+5= 10
b. Comment on the 'silver bullet' in *The Emperor Jones*.
 2. a. What do you think the fork in "The Road Not Taken" could represent in the speaker's life? 4+6=10
b. If you were the speaker, which road would you choose and why?
 3. Examine and analyse the character of Manolin in *The Old man and the sea*. 5+5=10
- Or
- How does *Beloved* show the characteristics of magic realism? Explain.
4. a. Make a comparative analysis of Laura Wingfield and Amanda Wingfield. 5+5=10
b. Do you agree with Tennessee Williams' opinion in the Production Notes that Jim O'Connor was a realistic character? Give a well-reasoned answer.
 5. Comment on the different socio-political, economic movements and literary groups of America which influenced the growth of literature in America in the 20th century and beyond. Discuss with adequate examples. 10
 6. a. Write a note on the American Dream. 5+5=10
b. How did it impact the literary scenario of America? Discuss with examples.
 7. a. What time of the year is the poem "After Apple Picking" set? 3+7=10
b. What is suggested by the speaker's statement that he is 'overtired' of the great harvest he once wanted?
 8. a. Who is Manolin in *The Old Man and the Sea*? 2+8=10
b. Describe the important aspects of Santiago's relationship with Manolin.

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