

**BA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER [REPEAT]
AMERICAN LITERATURE
BEN-405**

(Use separate answer scripts for Objective & Descriptive)

Duration : 3 hrs.

Full Marks : 70

(PART-A : Objective)

Time : 20 min.

Marks : 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

1. In which state is Chapter 1 of Uncle Tom's Cabin set?
 - a. Kentucky
 - b. Virginia
 - c. Georgia
 - d. West Virginia
2. How are Mr. Shelley and Uncle Tom related?
 - a. Master/slave
 - b. Friends
 - c. Relatives
 - d. Enemies
3. Who said, "I think you slaveholders have an awful responsibility upon you"?
 - a. Uncle Tom
 - b. Miss Olivia
 - c. Arthur Shelby
 - d. Miss Ophelia
4. Who is the character Simon Legree?
 - a. Lincoln's Uncle
 - b. A slave
 - c. A slave owner
 - d. A foreigner
5. What did the tree symbolize in All My Sons?
 - a. George
 - b. Larry
 - c. Ann
 - d. Chris
6. What is Jim Bayliss's profession in All My Sons?
 - a. Medicine
 - b. Research
 - c. Law
 - d. Manufacturing
7. Which of the following is not a work by Herman Melville?
 - a. Redburn
 - b. White Jacket
 - c. Mardi
 - d. The Gold Bug
8. The whaler Ishmael joins is
 - a. Queequeg
 - b. Pequod
 - c. Hamilton
 - d. Bedford
9. Moby Dick is sighted on
 - a. The first day
 - b. Second day
 - c. Third day
 - d. Fourth day
10. The ship that rescues Ishmael is
 - a. Starbuck
 - b. Fedallah
 - c. Rachael
 - d. Nantucket

11. Elizabeth Bishop won the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in -
 - a. 1956
 - b. 1955
 - c. 1954
 - d. 1950
12. What was the name of the title in the publication of 2nd Edition of "Song of Myself"?
 - a. Walt Whitman
 - b. Song of Myself
 - c. Poem of Walt Whitman, an American
 - d. None of these
13. "Long sleep, as I describe its coming on,/Or just some human sleep" is the line from-
 - a. " The Imaginary Iceberg"
 - b. "Song of Myself"
 - c. " After Apple Picking"
 - d. None of these
14. Behoove means-
 - a. To cheat someone.
 - b. To praise
 - c. To disagree with someone.
 - d. To be necessary for someone.
15. In "The Raven", the bird uttered the word 'Nevermore' -
 - a. Three times
 - b. Six times
 - c. Five times
 - d. Seven times
16. *Walden; Life in the Woods* was published in -
 - a. 1850
 - b. 1853
 - c. 1854
 - d. 1856
17. Emerson was born in-
 - a. Boston
 - b. Concord
 - c. Paris
 - d. None of these
18. The following is an integral part of literature of slavery-
 - a. Song of Myself
 - b. Moby Dick
 - c. Uncle Tom's Cabin
 - d. Farewell to Arms
19. During the period of Civil War, the President of USA was-
 - a. Thomas Jefferson
 - b. George Washington
 - c. Tony Carter
 - d. Abraham Lincoln
20. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote about the condition of the Afro Americans in-
 - a. The Soul of Black-Folk
 - b. Beloved
 - c. I have a Dream
 - d. Negro speaks of Rivers

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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. Write a short history of American Civil War with special reference to the Unionists and Confederates. 10
2. a. Discuss the allegorical nature of Ahab's tragedy in *Moby Dick*. 7+3=10
b. Comment on the role of Ishmael as the single voice of the novel.
3. a. How might Uncle Tom's Cabin have affected popular opinion of slavery? 5+5 =10
b. Discuss the horrors of slavery (in this context) as reflected in the book.
4. a. What is the Great 'American Dream'? 5+5=10
b. How does the drama, *All My Sons* portray different aspects of the dream?
5. a. Elucidate 'Literature of Slavery' and 'Harlem Renaissance'. 6+4=10
b. Give examples from texts you have read.
6. a. What is the significance of Elizabeth Bishop's Confessional poetry? 4+6=10
b. Discuss how Bishop expresses her Artistic excellence in the poems "The Imaginary Iceberg" and "I am in need of music". Explain.
7. a. Comment on the significance of utterance of the word 'Nevermore' 4+1+5=10 in Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven".
b. Who is Lenore? Do you find any resemblance with the Raven and Lenore in this poem? Explain with special reference to the Speaker of the poem.
8. Write short notes on the following: (any two) 5+5=10
 - a. Loafing in "Song of Myself".
 - b. "The Apple Picking" and the 'Modern man'.
 - c. "Self-Reliance" and Transcendentalism.
 - d. Thoreau's Walden and "Where I lived and what I lived for".

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