

**BA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER
AMERICAN LITERATURE
BEN - 402**

(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

1. In which state is the Shelby Farm located?
 - a. Kentucky
 - b. Tennessee
 - c. Alabama
 - d. Mississippi
2. Which character directly opposes the State Fugitive Law?
 - a. Senator Bird
 - b. Haley
 - c. St. Clare
 - d. Mrs. Bird
3. Which American President reportedly referred to Harriet Beecher Stowe as "the little lady who made this big war"?
 - a. Abraham Lincoln
 - b. John F. Kennedy
 - c. George Washington
 - d. Andrew Johnson
4. What boundary, separating Kentucky and the North, do Eliza and Harry cross to evade capture?
 - a. The Ohio River
 - b. The Mississippi River
 - c. The Ashland Rapids
 - d. The Danube
5. Where does Eliza reunite with her husband George?
 - a. The St. Clare Plantation
 - b. At the tavern
 - c. The Quaker Settlement
 - d. On the riverboat
6. What term describes Cassy's racial heritage?
 - a. Quadroon
 - b. Hecctoroon
 - c. Mulatto
 - d. Octoroon
7. Who does Simon Legree buy at the slave auction to replace Cassy as his mistress?
 - a. Eliza
 - b. Topsy
 - c. Emmeline
 - d. Marie
8. In what month does the play *All My Sons* take place?
 - a. December
 - b. April
 - c. October
 - d. August
9. What is different about the Kellers' yard at the beginning of the play?
 - a. A tree has fallen.
 - b. The hammock is broken
 - c. A large picnic is going on
 - d. It has been mowed
10. Whose horoscope is Frank Lubey making at the beginning of the play?
 - a. Larry's
 - b. Chris'
 - c. Joe's
 - d. Ann's

11. What is reported in the paper once a month, according to Joe Keller?
 - a. A murder happens in town
 - b. An MIA soldier returns home
 - c. A factory like his is forced to close
 - d. A 'Wanted' ad for old dictionaries appears
12. According to Joe, why does Kate think that Chris has no right to marry Ann?
 - a. She thinks that Larry is still alive
 - b. It would sully Larry's memory
 - c. She was his sister-in-law
 - d. She does not like Ann
13. Who, according to Chris, are the only people who are not practical in the world?
 - a. Those who are destitute.
 - b. Those who are dead
 - c. Those who believe in God
 - d. Those who love someone
14. Which of the following is not something Joe Keller recommends Chris to do with his money if he thinks it is dirty?
 - a. Give it to the police
 - b. Give it to charity
 - c. Burn it
 - d. Throw it in the sewer
15. is credited with coining the expression 'Lost Generation'.
 - a. Ernest Hemingway
 - b. Gertrude Stein
 - c. F. Scott Fitzgerald
 - d. Ezra Pound
16. Much of the literature from the Colonial Era of American literary history is
 - a. Satiric
 - b. Political
 - c. Didactic
 - d. Experimental
17. *Moby-Dick; or, The Whale* was first published in
 - a. 1852
 - b. 1853
 - c. 1851
 - d. 1850
18. Starbuck, the chief mate of the *Pequod*, hailed from
 - a. Nantucket
 - b. Cape Cod
 - c. Martha's Vineyard
 - d. Polynesia
19. Thoreau began living full-time in the woods around Walden pond on
 - a. 4 July 1844
 - b. 4 July 1846
 - c. 4 July 1847
 - d. 4 July 1845
20. Going by his arguments in "Self-Reliance", Emerson may best be called
 - a. Authoritarian
 - b. Subversive
 - c. Mutinous
 - d. A non-conformist

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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 short notes on any two of the following: 5+5=10
 - a) Naturalism in American literature.
 - b) Captain Ahab's single-minded obsession with revenge.
 - c) Emersonian self-reliance as seen in Thoreau's conscious act of living in the woods.

2. In what ways does Stowe present the incompatibility of slavery with the Christian ethic of love and tolerance? Analyse how the novel's Christ figures underscore the novel's basic Christian messages. 4+6=10

3. Write short notes of any two of the following: 5+5=10
 - a) The Quakers
 - b) Simon Legree
 - c) Eva
 - d) Miss Ophelia

4. How does Joe Keller's understanding of the human race become corrupted by his desire to make money? Why does he place the pursuit of wealth in such esteem? 7+3=10

5. Joe Keller is a tragic figure because he wants to achieve one thing and succeeds in achieving its opposite. 7+3=10
 - a) Write an essay on this topic, examining his intentions and what they ultimately yield. Cite specific examples from the text to corroborate your points.
 - b) Is failing to get what you want always a tragic thing?

6. Compare Kate Keller and Ann Deever's situations following the war. How are they both held prisoners by the war? 6+4=10

7. Do you consider Joe Keller to be a selfish man? Did he actually feel pressure from his wife to make money, or was this just an imagined pressure? Does his lifestyle reflect a corrupt values system? 7+3=10

8. What is foreshadowing? Comment upon the element of foreshadowing in *Moby-Dick*. 1+9=10

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