

BA ENGLISH
SIXTH SEMESTER (SPECIAL REPEAT)
AMERICAN LITERATURE
BEN-603 B

(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

- When was America's Independence declared?
a. 1770
b. 1776
c. 1780
d. 1790
- "The American Scholar" was published in the year
a. 1836
b. 1840
c. 1846
d. 1850
- What are the three elements that influence the mind of the American Scholar?
a. Books, Nature and Action
b. History, Books and Nature
c. Nature, Action and History
d. Books, Action and History
- Which of the below is NOT a characteristic of the American Scholar?
a. Self-trust
b. Bravery
c. Diffidence
d. Ability to Guide
- The first educator of the American Scholar is
a. Books
b. Nature
c. Past
d. Family
- What makes the Scholar Man Thinking?
a. Works
b. Bravery
c. Knowledge
d. Intellect
- "A fig tree, looking on a fig tree, becometh"
a. Beautiful
b. Barren
c. Hopeful
d. Fruitful
- "My children not my sister and brother. Pa not Pa. You must be sleep." Who is sleeping in this line?
a. Alfonso
b. Albert
c. God
d. Shug
- The name of Celie's little girl was
a. Nettie
b. Olivia
c. Suzy Q
d. Tashi

10. *The Color Purple* was published in the year
 - a. 1982
 - b. 1980
 - c. 1981
 - d. 1983
11. Stanley and Stella Kowalski stay in a two-storey building in the city of
 - a. New Orleans
 - b. New York
 - c. North Carolina
 - d. Boston
12. Blanche's husband is no longer with her anymore because
 - a. He ran away with another man
 - b. They got divorced
 - c. He committed suicide
 - d. She cheated on him and left
13. *A Streetcar Named Desire* was first performed in the year
 - a. 1950
 - b. 1947
 - c. 1957
 - d. 1945
14. How did Celie and Nettie's father die?
 - a. Burnt down by white men
 - b. Shot by white men
 - c. Drowned by white men
 - d. Lynched by white men
15. "They live in such beauty and dignity, Celie. And they give and give and then reach down and give some more, when the name 'Africa' is mentioned." Who is Nellie praising in these lines?
 - a. Samuel and Corrine
 - b. The people of Harlem
 - c. The Missionaries
 - d. The people of Boston
16. "...My look's leash/dangles the puppet- people/who, unaware how they dwindle"- these are the extracts of which poem?
 - a. Haymaking
 - b. Lady Lazarus
 - c. The Corn harvest
 - d. None of these
17. "Peel off the...../O my enemy./Do I terrify?"
 - a. Skin
 - b. Cover
 - c. Grass
 - d. Napkin
18. 'Kora in Hell' was written by-
 - a. F.S. Fitzgerald
 - b. Sylvia Plath
 - c. Langston Hughes
 - d. William Carlos Williams
19. Fitzgerald's 'The Crack up' essays first appeared in
 - a. 1933
 - b. 1934
 - c. 1935
 - d. 1936
20. Who said this line- "The world is splitting open my feet like a ripe, juicy watermelon"?
 - a. Hemingway
 - b. Fitzgerald
 - c. William Carlos William
 - d. Sylvia Plath

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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. How do the different women in *The Color Purple* become crucial in the overall transformation of Celie and her journey throughout the novel? 10
2. a. Attempt to draw a character sketch of Blanche Dubois. 5+5=10
b. How do the characters of Blanche, Stanley and Stella stand in relation to the old Southern world of the plantations?
3. How does *The Color Purple* illustrate the theme of:
a. "double oppression" 5+5=10
b. Religion through Celie's changing relationship with God
4. What influences the American Scholar the most? Discuss how the mind of the Past influences his spirit? 1+9=10
5. a. What is Man Thinking? 2+8=10
b. Discuss the duties of the American Scholar.
6. a. Discuss how William Carlos Williams portrays the Summer season in the poem "The Corn Harvest". 5+5=10
b. Explain the Modernist traits emphasized by Williams in his poems "The Hunter in the Snow" and "Haymaking".
7. a. Fitzgerald said in his essay, 'The Crack-up', "there is another sort of blow that comes from within- that you don't feel until it's too late to do anything about it, until you realize with finality that in some regard you will never be as good a man again." Explain the significance of the lines. 5+5=10
b. Considering the above line by Fitzgerald, do you find any affinity of this line with the poems written by Sylvia Plath? Give reasons in support of your answer.
8. a. What is Existentialism? 4+6=10
b. Comment on the relevance of Existential ideas in Ernest Hemingway's "A Clean Well Lighted Place."

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