

**BA ENGLISH
SIXTH SEMESTER
AMERICAN LITERATURE
BEN-603 B**

**SET
A**

[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

(Objective)

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

1. Ernest Hemingway's 'A Clean Well Lighted Place' was first published in the year:
 - a. 1926
 - b. 1901
 - c. 1933
 - d. None of the above
2. The author of the Short story 'Dry September' is:
 - a. Margaret Atwood
 - b. Stephen King
 - c. Toni Morrison
 - d. William Faulkner
3. What was the name of the barber in the short story 'Dry September'?
 - a. Henry Hawkshaw
 - b. Alphonso
 - c. Abraham
 - d. Joe
4. The relationship between Cellie and Nattie is:
 - a. Cousins
 - b. Siblings
 - c. Relatives
 - d. Sister-in-laws
5. The Novel Bodily Harm was first published in the year:
 - a. 1918
 - b. 1942
 - c. 1907
 - d. 1981
6. Which of the following is not a character in the novel 'Color Purple'?
 - a. McLendon
 - b. Alphonso
 - c. Sofia
 - d. Albert
7. F. Scott. Fitzgerald's Wife was suffering from:
 - a. Dementia
 - b. Drug Addiction
 - c. Schizophrenia
 - d. Tuberculosis
8. Which of the following is not written by Margaret Atwood?
 - a. The Handmaid's Tale
 - b. Beloved
 - c. The Edible Woman
 - d. Bodily Harm
9. Which of the following is not true about an American scholar?
 - a. Must be only a practical man
 - b. Must be thinking about the society
 - c. Must be reading past minds
 - d. None of the above
10. Which among the following doesn't appear as a theme in 'Pond in Winter'?
 - a. Isolation
 - b. Nature and Human relation
 - c. Horror
 - d. None of the above

11. Statement I: New Orleans in 'A Streetcar named Desire' shows the life of immigrants in America.
Statement II: Belle Reve represents the unity among the immigrants and locals of America.
- a. Both the statements are true b. Both the statements are false
c. Only statement I is true d. Only statement II is true
12. Which among the following character is instinctive in nature?
a. Mitch b. Blanche
c. Stella d. Eunice
13. Which among the following is not a characteristic of Transcendentalism?
a. Spiritual b. Considering nature to be perfect source of peace
c. Religious d. None of the above
14. How many years did H.D. Thoreau live by the pond?
a. 2 years b. 3 years
c. 4 years d. 5 years
15. What does Aunt Jennifer's terrified hands tell after her death?
a. Story of her life b. Her constrained married life
c. Her strength to find her ways and beat the fear d. All of these
16. What mythical character does Lady Lazarus compare herself to?
a. A centaur b. A hippogriff
c. A phoenix d. A sphinx
17. 'Denizens' of a world so green means:
a. Residents of forests b. Residents of green building
c. Live in green cages d. Live in green grasslands
18. "I've seen its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset".
What does the 'sunset' in "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" symbolise?
a. The future b. Death
c. Life d. Beauty
19. What literary device does Langston Hughes use in his poem "Dreams" to help paint a picture for readers?
a. Personification b. Simile
c. Metaphor d. Idiom
20. Who is the verse maker of the poem "The Corn Harvest"?
a. Sylvia Plath b. William Carlos Williams
c. Langston Hughes d. Adrienne Rich

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(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. Discuss Alice Walker's novel "The Color Purple" as a social novel. 10
2. I. a) Write in detail how the central character Rennie in Margaret Atwood's novel *Bodily Harm* undergoes series of ups and downs in her life which eventually were reasons for her own suffering and miseries? 5
b) Is this a feminist novel? Gives reasons for your answer. 1+4=5
Or
II. a) What aspects of the typical American Society Hemingway portrayed in his short story 'A Clean Well Lighted Place'? 5
b) What are some of the themes of the short story? 5
3. Write short notes on the following: (*any two*) 5+5=10
a) The Older waiter in 'A Clean Well Lighted Place'
b) Minnie Cooper in 'Dry September'
c) Replication of the typical Modern American society in F. Scott. Fitzgerald's 'The Crack up'.
4. a) What is the idea behind Man thinking? 4
b) What are the three influences that develops a person to an American Scholar? 6
5. a) What is the significance of the term 'Desire' in the title 'A Streetcar Named Desire'? 5
b) Write a short note on the setting of the play 'A Streetcar named Desire'. 5
6. a) What are the 'ordeals' Aunt Jennifer is surrounded by? 7
b) What is the significance of the word 'ringed'? 3
7. What symbols of 'Holocaust' and Nazism' do you find in the poem "Lady Lazarus" 5+5=10
8. Why does Langston Hughes describe the rivers as 'ancient' and 'dusky' in the poem "The Negro Speaks of Rivers"? 10

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