

BA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER [SPECIAL REPEAT]
AMERICAN LITERATURE
BEN-402



[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

(Objective)

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

- Where does Eliza reunite with her husband George?
 - The St. Clare Plantation
 - At the tavern
 - The Quaker Settlement
 - On the riverboat
- What term describes Cassy's racial heritage?
 - Quadroon
 - Hectoroon
 - Mulatto
 - Octoroon
- Who does Simon Legree buy at the slave auction to replace Cassy as his mistress?
 - Eliza
 - Topsy
 - Emmeline
 - Marie
- What do you understand by the term in "in medias res"?
 - "In the midst of things"
 - "transmediality"
 - "rest in media"
 - "a change of medium"
- Where is the raven sitting at the end of the poem?
 - On top of a pile of books
 - Outside his chamber door
 - On a bust of Pallas Athena
 - On a bust of Achilles
- Towards what is the ladder pointing in "After Apple-Picking"?
 - Towards the skies
 - Towards the boughs
 - Towards the heavens
 - Towards human sleep
- How old is the poet when he begins "Song of Myself"?
 - 35
 - 37
 - 31
 - 36
- "Song of Myself" is taken from the collection.....
 - The Grass is Singing
 - Song of Myself
 - Leaves of Grass
 - Democratic Vistas
- What is the speaker reading at the beginning of the poem The Raven?
 - Forgotten lore
 - Greek mythology
 - A biography of Athena
 - A book of avian psychology
- In which state is the Shelby Farm located?
 - Kentucky
 - Tennessee
 - Alabama
 - Mississippi

11. What is the occupation of Joe Keller, the main character?
 - a. Doctor
 - b. Lawyer
 - c. Business owner
 - d. Factory worker
12. What event serves as the central conflict of the play?
 - a. Joe Keller's arrest
 - b. Chris Keller's engagement
 - c. The discovery of faulty airplane parts
 - d. Ann Deever's return
13. How does Joe Keller justify his actions regarding the faulty airplane parts?
 - a. He claims ignorance of their defects
 - b. He blames his deceased partner
 - c. He says he was pressured by the government
 - d. He denies any involvement in the incident
14. What does Chris Keller want to do with his life?
 - a. Become a doctor
 - b. Take over his father's business
 - c. Pursue a career in politics
 - d. Pursue a life of simplicity and honesty
15. How does Kate Keller cope with the loss of her son Larry?
 - a. She refuses to believe he is dead
 - b. She becomes reclusive and isolated
 - c. She immerses herself in work
 - d. She seeks solace in religion
16. The Harlem Renaissance occurred during which time period?
 - a. 1910s
 - b. 1920s
 - c. 1930s
 - d. 1940s
17. Which artistic form was most prominently associated with the Harlem Renaissance?
 - a. Literature
 - b. Visual arts
 - c. Music
 - d. Dance
18. Who is considered the leading figure and one of the key proponents of Transcendentalism?
 - a. Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - b. Henry David Thoreau
 - c. Walt Whitman
 - d. Emily Dickinson
19. Transcendentalism emphasized the importance of:
 - a. Reason and logic
 - b. Religious dogma
 - c. Intuition and individual experience
 - d. Social conformity
20. Which writer and poet is known for his work "Leaves of Grass," which embodies many Transcendentalist principles?
 - a. Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - b. Henry David Thoreau
 - c. Walt Whitman
 - d. Emily Dickinson

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(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. Discuss the symbolism of the tree in "All My Sons." What does the fallen tree represent, and how does its presence contribute to the play's overall themes? Analyze the tree's significance in relation to the characters' guilt, responsibility, and attempts to bury the past. 10
2. Write short notes of *any two* of the following: 2×5=10
 - a) The Quakers
 - b) Simon Legree
 - c) Eva
 - d) Miss Ophelia
3. In what ways does Stowe present the incompatibility of slavery with the Christian ethic of love and tolerance? Analyze how the novel's Christ figures underscore the novel's basic Christian messages. 10
4. The poem "After Apple-Picking" basically describes human life. Do you agree? 10
5. Explore the role of women in literature during the American Civil War. Discuss how female writers such as Harriet Beecher Stowe in *Uncle Tom's Cabin* depicted the experiences of women during the war, their contributions to the war effort. 10
6. Analyze the role of literature during the Harlem Renaissance. How did writers such as Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, and Claude McKay use their works to explore themes of racial identity, social justice, and the African American experience? Discuss the impact of their writings on both the movement and American literature as a whole. 10
7. Analyze the character of Joe Keller in "All My Sons." Is he a tragic hero or a villain? Explore his motivations, conflicts, and moral dilemmas throughout the play, and discuss the audience's perception of him. Consider how Miller uses Joe Keller to explore larger societal issues. 10
8. Write short notes on *any two*: 5×2=10
 - a) Great Depression Era
 - b) Literature of Slavery
 - c) Two major literary figures from the Colonial Period

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