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Fourth Semester

English — Core

AMERICAN LITERATURE — II

(For those who joined in July 2021–2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. _____ taught Fredrick Douglass to read and write.
(a) Thomas Auld (b) Hugh Auld
(c) Sophia Auld (d) His Mother

2. Ayn Rand was born in _____
(a) England (b) America
(c) Russia (d) Africa

3. The woman in Maya Angelou's "Woman Work" picks _____
- (a) apples (b) cotton
(c) fruits (d) vegetables
4. _____ clicks like 'kitchen knives on a cutting board'
- (a) The latch
(b) The boots of the man
(c) The boy's tongue
(d) The woman's high heels
5. Aurelio Escovar is a _____
- (a) plumber (b) dentist
(c) mayor (d) driver
6. Ayah sits under the _____ tree.
- (a) cotton wood (b) oak
(c) red wood (d) teak
7. Who shot Alexander Hamilton?
- (a) John Lurrans (b) Aaron Burn
(c) Philip Schyler (d) George Washington
8. William Wells Brown was born in _____
- (a) 1811 (b) 1812
(c) 1813 (d) 1814

9. Lelia Park is a _____
- (a) dentist (b) gynaecologist
(c) speech therapist (d) ophthalmologist
10. Philip Roth's novel "Nemesis" talks about the _____ epidemic.
- (a) Influenza (b) Small pox
(c) Cholera (d) Polio

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Explain the cruelty of Mrs. Hamilton against Henrietta and Mary.

Or

- (b) "There can be no compromise on moral principles" – Describe how Ayn Rand explains this.

12. (a) Write how Maya Angelou's poem "Woman Work" depicts the pressure that black women face.

Or

- (b) Write a note on the historical context of Pablo Neruda's poem "If you forget me."

13. (a) Write about the climax of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's short story "one of these days".

Or

- (b) Why does Ayah hate Chato?

14. (a) How does the theme of time affect the characters in Lin Munuel Miranda's "Hamilton : An American Musical"?

Or

- (b) The slave masters inflicted emotional torture on slaves through separation of families. — Explain with reference to William Wells Brown's play "the Escape: or A Leap for Freedom"

15. (a) Write elaborately on the character of Henry Park.

Or

- (b) Discuss the character of Arnie Mesnikoff.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Summarize Chapter VI of Fredrick Douglass' "Narrative of the life of Fredrick Douglass an American Slave".

Or

- (b) Explain the theme of Ayn Rand's prose "Doesn't life require compromise".

17. (a) Write about Maya Angelou's vision of nature as mentioned in "Woman Work".

Or

- (b) Write an analysis of Pablo Neruda's poem "If you forget me".

18. (a) Write a summary of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's short story "One of these days".

Or

- (b) Write a critical appreciation of Viet Thanh Nguyen's "Black-Eyed Women".

19. (a) Compare and contrast the characters of Hamilton and Aaron Burn in Lin Munuel Miranda's "Hamilton: An American Musical"

Or

- (b) Justify the title of William Wells Brown's play "The Escape : or A Leap for freedom".

20. (a) "Native Speaker" is a novel told from the perspective of Henry Park, a first generation Korean - American - Discuss.

Or

- (b) Elaborate on the part played by guilt in Philip Roth's novel "Nemesis"
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