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English – Core

AMERICAN LITERATURE – I

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. \_\_\_\_\_ and frugality are the two key words in Franklin's *The Way to Wealth*.  
(a) Industry (b) Benjamin  
(c) Thoreau (d) Lowell
6. The subjects mentioned in the story *The Fun They Had* are geography, history and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Arithmetic (b) English  
(c) Physics (d) Botany
7. In the play *Oleanna*, \_\_\_\_\_ are the two main characters.  
(a) Rebecca and Dave (b) Carol and John  
(c) Anita and Clarence (d) Josh and Chris
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is a black man married to Lena in *Clybourne Park*.  
(a) Russ (b) Jim  
(c) Kevin (d) Karl
9. Who has Gay Gatsby been in love with from a young age?  
(a) Myrtle Wilson (b) Jordan Baker  
(c) Daisy Buchanan (d) Leena
10. How old is Kunta when he is captured?  
(a) 20 (b) 10  
(c) 17 (d) 15

2. At Walden Pond, Thoreau sees time as a river in which he \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Goes fishing (b) Dips his toes  
(c) Bathes (d) Dives and resurfaces
3. The Poem "I measure Every Grief I Meet" ends up using \_\_\_\_\_ to express what suffering feels like to the person experiencing it.  
(a) Hyperbole (b) Alliteration  
(c) Allegory (d) Similie
4. In the poem "Home After Three Months Away", he states that these tulips were brought from the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) English men (b) Dutchmen  
(c) French men (d) Chinese men
5. Which was his first story according to Lovecraft?  
(a) The picture in the House  
(b) Dagon  
(c) Hypnos  
(d) Cool Air

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).  
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Sketch the character of Father Abraham in "The Way to Wealth".  
Or  
(b) What was Thoreau's comment on 'Newspaper' and 'Railroads'?
12. (a) Analyse the themes of the poem "I measure Every Grief I meet".  
Or  
(b) How do the speaker and the city stranger value the trees differently in the poem "Christmas Tree"?
13. (a) Explain the main conflict in *Rip Van Winkle*.  
Or  
(b) What happened at the end of *Dagon*?
14. (a) Examine the relationship between John and Carol.  
Or  
(b) Explain the significance of the check that holds for the family in *Clybourne Park*.

15. (a) How does Tom find out about the affair between Gatsby and Daisy?

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Fiddler in *Roots : The Saga of an American Family*.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)  
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Explain the symbols and allegory used in "The Way to Wealth".

Or

- (b) Thoreau's sojourn at the Walden Pond gave him an opportunity to have an intimate associate with Nature – Discuss.

17. (a) Critically analyze the poem the poem "Home After Three Months Away".

Or

- (b) In the poem "I measure every Grief I meet," the speaker examines the nature of human suffering – Justify.

18. (a) Write the character sketch of Napoleon Bonaparte in *The Spectacles*.

Or

- (b) Discuss the theme of the story *The Fun They Had* by Asimov.

19. (a) In *Oleanna* all the three acts take place in John's office. What are the implications of setting a play in such a constrained environment?

Or

- (b) Justify the significance of the title *Clybourne Park* by Bruce Norris.

20. (a) Analyze the main conflicts in *The Great Gatsby*.

Or

- (b) Justify the title *Roots : The Saga of an American Family* by Alex Haley.