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Second Semester

English — Core

AMERICAN LITERATURE — II

(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. Identify the poem that depicts the death of a woman committing suicide after killing her children  
(a) Edge (b) Lady Lazarus  
(c) You're (d) Ariel
2. 'Life doesn't frighten me' was published in  
(a) 1991 (b) 1992  
(c) 1993 (d) 1994

3. The native Africans actually moved to \_\_\_\_\_ from French colonies  
(a) London (b) Germany  
(c) Paris (d) America
4. 'Mother tongue' brings out the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Son/father (b) mother/father  
(c) daughter/mother (d) daughter/father
5. Nick Adam returns to his \_\_\_\_\_ after the war  
(a) Shop  
(b) House  
(c) Old fishing Terrain  
(d) School
6. 'A good man is Hard to Find' was published in  
(a) 1950 (b) 1952  
(c) 1953 (d) 1954
7. In 'The Crucible', the girls dance with the black slave  
(a) Titan (b) Ariel  
(c) Okonkwo (d) Tituba

8. The action of 'The Zoo Story' takes place on a \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon

- (a) Sunday (b) Monday  
(c) Tuesday (d) Friday

9. Cash's broken leg is set by \_\_\_\_\_ doctor

- (a) Dentist (b) Horse doctor  
(c) Cardiologist (d) Cook

10. 'To kill a Mockingbird' taken place in a fictional town of

- (a) Wessex (b) Malgudi  
(c) Hogwarts (d) Maycomb

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) State the attitude and life style of the people as depicted in the poem, 'Anyone lived in a pretty how town'

Or

(b) Relate to what extent in the theme of infanticide loomed in the poem, 'Edge'

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12. (a) Discuss how language was affecting the life of Amy Tan.

Or

(b) Explain the life of Baldwin from the essay, 'Notes of a Native Son'

13. (a) Sketch the character of Nick from 'Big two-Hearted River'

Or

(b) Interpret the value of the mother's advice to her daughter in Kinkaid's 'Girl'

14. (a) Evaluate the usage of metaphors and simile in Miller's 'The crucible'.

Or

(b) Analyse bond that exists between Peter and Jerry in 'The Zoo Story'

15. (a) Elaborate the characters and their journey of life in Bundren family from 'As I Lay Dying'

Or

(b) Explain the major theme of the novel, 'To kill a Mocking bird'.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) What are the major rules or theories, Stevens insists the modern poets to focus in their works?

Or

- (b) How would you justify the title, 'Life doesn't frighten me'?

17. (a) Associate the role of mothers in life and the perspectives on Black women as portrayed in Walker's 'In search of our mothers' gardens'.

Or

- (b) Summarize Amy Tan's, 'Mother Tongue'

18. (a) Interpret the major theme of the story, 'big Two Hearted Rivers'.

Or

- (b) Relate and discuss how culture is connected to the setting of the story, 'Girl' as the story is majorly an advice from a mother.

19. (a) Analyze the role played by Danforth, Hathorne and Abigail in the play, 'The Crucible'

Or

- (b) Point out the significance behind the setting and action of the play intertwined in 'The Zoo Story'

20. (a) Measure the emotional responses of all the characters in the story, 'As lay dying' towards the dying condition of Addie Bundren.

Or

- (b) Predict the symbolism of the bird and what it represents from Lee's 'To kill a Mocking bird'?