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Third Semester

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. The conclusion to "The Way to Wealth" is signed by _____
(a) Father Abraham (b) Richard Saunders
(c) Poor Richard (d) Benjamin Franklin
2. On what holiday does Thoreau first move to Walden Pond?
(a) Memorial Day (b) Independence Day
(c) Labour Day (d) Easter Day
3. _____ was a major theme in this poem "I measure Every Grief I Meet".
(a) Jealousy (b) Death
(c) Joy (d) Happiness
4. The poem "Home After Three Months Away" is a _____ poem.
(a) Dramatic monologue
(b) Confessional
(c) Love
(d) War
5. _____ was Rip Van Winkle's daughter, with whom he lives quite happily after his return from the mountain.
(a) Judith Gardenier (b) Dame van
(c) Mary (d) Catherine
6. The mother of Dagon is _____
(a) Hydra (b) Elizabeth
(c) Anne (d) Flora
7. In the play *Oleanna*, Carol is John's _____
(a) student (b) friend
(c) wife (d) daughter

8. _____ is the only character to appear onstage in both *A Raisin in the Sun* and *Clybourne park*.

- (a) Karl (b) James
(c) Jane (d) Jim

9. Gatsby's mansion is located at _____

- (a) East Egg (b) West Egg
(c) Park Avenue (d) Brooklyn

10. _____ is the name of John Waller's daughter and Kizzy's playmate in *Roots : The saga of an American family*.

- (a) Miss Anne (b) Miss Margaret
(c) Miss Sally (d) Miss Ashley

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 theme of saving money and working hard in "The Way to Wealth".

Or

(b) 'Shams and delusions are esteemed for soundest truths, while reality is fabulous' - Explain this line from Thoreau's point of view.

12. (a) Explain the literary devices used in the poem "I measure ever Grief I Meet".

Or

(b) Discuss the poem "Home After Three Months Away" as a confessional poem.

13. (a) Write the character sketch of Nicholas Vedder in *Rip Van Winkle*.

Or

(b) Why did Margie hate school in *The Fun They Had*?

14. (a) Analyze the theme of power in the play *Oleanna*.

Or

(b) Bring out the importance of racism in the play *Clybourne Park*.

15. (a) Explain the themes and symbols presented in the novel *The Great Gatsby*.

Or

(b) How does life change for the Murray family after they gain their freedom at the end of the civil war?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Examine the Irony used in Franklin's essay "The Way to Wealth".

Or

- (b) Explain how Thoreau attempted to discover whether life is worth living, and his experience at Walden Pond?

17. (a) Critically analyze the poem "Christmas Tree".

Or

- (b) Discuss the role of religion in the poem "I Measure Every grief I Meet".

18. (a) Analyze the character of Shalash in the short story *Dagon*.

Or

- (b) Explain the main features of the mechanical teachers and the schoolrooms that Margie and Tommy have in the story *The Fun They Had*.

19. (a) Justify the significance of the title *Oleanna*.

Or

- (b) Discuss the irony of Kenneth's death in the play *Clybourne Park*.

20. (a) Examine the cause of the problem between Jordan and Nick in *The Great Gatsby*.

Or

- (b) In what ways women were particularly victimized by the slave trade in *Roots : The Saga of an American Family*.