

B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
NOVEMBER 2023.

Third Semester

English - Core

AMERICAN LITERATURE - I

(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 :

- In "The Way to Wealth" an almanac contains _____.
(a) photographs
(b) statistical information
(c) biographies
(d) religious teachings

- What does the name Dagon mean?
(a) little flower (b) little fish
(c) little bird (d) little animal
- In the play *Oleanna*, John's role at the university is _____.
(a) Professor (b) Student
(c) Psychologist (d) Dean
- _____ is Russ and Bev's maid's name in *Clybourne Park*.
(a) Francis (b) Frankie
(c) Fran (d) Francine
- _____ invited Daisy to Gatsby's party.
(a) Tom Buchanan (b) Jay Gatsby
(c) Nick Carraway (d) George
- How long does Kunta's father take to pick his name?
(a) 1 month (b) 5 days
(c) 7 days (d) 1 day

- Where I lived and What I lived for is an extension of the Chapter entitled _____ in Thoreau's *Walden*.
(a) Economy (b) Reading
(c) Sounds (d) Dreams
- Emily Dickinson is known as _____.
(a) revolutionary poet
(b) confessional poet
(c) regional poet
(d) nature poet
- In the poem "Home After Three Months Away", the poet's daughter name is _____.
(a) Harriet (b) Elizabeth
(c) Celia (d) Anne
- What was Rip Van Winkle's main flaw?
(a) He is annoyed by children
(b) He spends money irresponsibly
(c) He is unable to do any profitable labor
(d) He is rude to his wife

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

- (a) How does Benjamin Franklin use humor to open and close the essay?
Or
(b) How did Thoreau spend his life in Walden Pond?
- (a) Discuss the structure of the poem "I Measure Every Grief I Meet".
Or
(b) Explain the theme of the poem "Christmas Tree" by Robert Frost.
- (a) Why did Irving make Rip sleep for 20 years in *Rip Van Winkle*?
Or
(b) Discuss how Tommy describes the old kind of school.
- (a) Discuss the role played by Carol in the play *Oleanna*.
Or
(b) Sketch the character of Russ Stoller in the play *Clybourne Park*.

15. (a) How does the Narrator describe Gatsby?

Or

(b) How does Kunta compromise some of his African identity in order to eventually assimilate?

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Discuss the theme of Wisdom and folly in "The Way to Wealth" by Franklin.

Or

(b) Analyse Thoreau's 'Where I lived and What I lived for' as an extension of his first chapter 'Economy'.

17. (a) Critically analyse the poem "I Measure Every Grief I Meet".

Or

(b) Discuss the structure and form of the poem "Christmas Tree".

18. (a) Examine the theme of Poe's *The Spectacles*.

Or

(b) Attempt the character sketch of Margie in *The Fun They Had*.

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19. (a) Consider *Oleanna* as an anti-feminism play.

Or

(b) Why is Bruce Norris so focused on the evils of racism in the play *Clybourne Park*?

20. (a) Discuss *The Great Gatsby* as a love story.

Or

(b) How do white and enslaved black conceptions of freedom differ?

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