

MA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER
AMERICAN LITERATURE
MEN – 405B

(USE SEPARATE ANSWER SCRIPTS FOR OBJECTIVE & DESCRIPTIVE)

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

(PART-A: Objective)

Time: 20 min.

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1×20=20

- The equation of baseball to writing in Marianne Moore's "Baseball and Writing" involves the use of
 - anaphora
 - anastrophe
 - an extended metaphor
 - an extended simile
- Which of the following statements is *not true*? Of "I am Nobody! Who are you?"
 - The poetic persona dislikes publicity
 - The public person is likened to a frog
 - The poetic persona prefers privacy
 - None of the preceding
- The speaker of "A narrow Fellow in the Grass" is
 - A male
 - A female
 - A grasshopper
 - A snake
- "I, now years old in perfect health begin,/ Hoping to cease not till death."
 - thirty-six
 - thirty-seven
 - thirty-nine
 - thirty-eight
- Much of the literature from the Colonial Era of American literary history is
 - satiric
 - political
 - didactic
 - experimental
- The idea of is core to Transcendentalist philosophy.
 - Original Sin
 - the Oversoul
 - salvation
 - the Superego
- is often regarded as a forerunner of the stream-of-consciousness novel.
 - Henry James
 - James Miller
 - Henry Boulton
 - James Thurber
- "Oh, look at you! You're turning into jelly; you're indecisive; you're a woman." Who said this to whom?
 - Grandma to Mrs Barker
 - Mommy to Mrs Barker
 - Mommy to Daddy
 - Daddy to Mommy
- "I'm a professional woman. But I will cross my legs". Who said this to whom?
 - Grandma to Mrs Barker
 - Mrs Barker to Mommy
 - Mommy to Daddy
 - Mrs Barker to Grandma
- "Everything's hidden"- Who said this line?
 - Young man
 - Daddy
 - Grandma
 - Mommy

11. The play "The American Dream" was first performed in-
- The Abbott playhouse
 - The Abbey
 - The York playhouse
 - None of these
12. "I don't know what can be keeping them"- This is the opening line of "The American Dream". Is this statement true or false?
- False
 - True
 - Both a and b
 - Neither a nor b
13. Which of the following is not written by Edward Albee?
- Three Old Women*
 - The Zoo Story*
 - The Sandbox*
 - Seascape*
14. Arrange the following in chronological order-
- The Zoo Story- The American Dream- Tiny Alice
 - The American Dream- Tiny Alice- The Zoo Story
 - Tiny Alice- The Zoo Story- The American Dream
 - Not applicable
15. In which year 'The Black Cat' was published?
- 1842
 - 1843
 - 1844
 - 1845
16. Which among the following characters is not present in 'A rose for Emily'?
- Emily Grierson
 - Peter Grierson
 - Homer Baron
 - Colonel Sartoris
17. Statement I: Edgar Alan Poe used symbols in his short stories
Statement II: Superstition plays vital role in Poe's short stories
- Both the statements are true
 - Statement I is true, but statement II is false
 - Both the statements are false
 - Statement II is true, but statement I is false
18. Statement I: 'The Awakening' is set in New Orleans.
Statement II: 'The Awakening' is set in late 18th Century.
- Both the statements are true
 - Both the statements are false
 - Statement I is true but II is false
 - Statement I is false but II is true
19. Which among the following characters is not present in 'The Awakening'?
- Alcee Arobin
 - Robert Leburn
 - Edna Pontellier
 - None of the above
20. Which among the following is not true about 'The Tell-Tale Heart'?
- 'The Tell-Tale Heart' has single narrator
 - The story was set in late 18th Century
 - The story can be analyzed by psycho-analytical theory
 - None of the above

(PART-B : Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 40 min.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. "In every other way I am incomplete, and I must therefore...compensate."
Who said this line? Comment on the implication of the above line as depicted in *The American Dream*. 10
2. a) How do you look at the character of Grandma in *The American Dream*? 5+5=10
b) Can you consider her character as one of the manifestations of the American Dream? Explain with examples from the text.
3. Write short notes on: 5+5=10
a) The Lost Generation.
b) The Colonial Era of American literature.
4. Explain with reference to context: 5+5=10
a) "Oh some Scholar! Oh some Sailor! / Oh some Wise Men from the skies! / Please to tell a little Pilgrim / Where the place called "Morning" lies!"
b) "I celebrate myself, and sing myself, / And what I assume you shall assume, / For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you."
5. a) In "Hope" is the thing with feathers", on what grounds does Emily Dickinson equate hope to a bird? 5+5=10
b) Briefly comment upon the symbolism of grass in Section 6 of "Song of Myself".
6. Give a character sketch of Emily Grierson. 10
7. What is the significance of the title 'A Rose for Emily'? 10
8. What are the similarities found in the short stories 'The Tell-Tale Heart' and 'The Black Cat'? 10

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