

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

23PEL207

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-25 ONLY)

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N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) : POLLACHI

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS : MAY 2024

MA ENGLISH LITERATURE (SF)

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER:II

TIME : 3 HOURS

23PEL207- AMERICAN LITERATURE-I

SECTION – A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K1)

1. Which of the following lines contains alliteration in the poem “A Bird Came down the Walk”?
 - a) "Than oars divide the ocean,"
 - b) "He glanced with rapid eyes,"
 - c) "and ate the fellow, raw,"
 - d) "I offered him a crumb,"
2. What is meant by ‘mere thinking’ in ‘American Scholar’?
 - a)Over-thinking about impossible things
 - b) Lacking the ability to act upon their thoughts
 - c)Always thinking about others
 - d) Lacking the ability to win debates
3. What poet does Williams quote in the epigraph to *A Streetcar Named Desire*?
 - a) Wallace Stevens
 - b) Hart Crane
 - c) Walt Whitman
 - d) Emily Dickinson
4. In “The Cask of Amontillado,” Fortunato is brought down by his fondness for _____.
 - a) Women
 - b) Wine
 - c) Gambling
 - d) Opium
5. Which of the following symbolizes bad luck to Huck and Jim in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* ?
 - a) A shed snakeskin
 - b) Jim’s hairy chest
 - c) Rain
 - d) The wrecked steamboat

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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES (K2)

6. Show what happens when the speaker reaches for the snake in "A Narrow Fellow in The Grass"?
7. Trace the major themes of the essay 'The Battle of the Ants'.
8. Show why Blanche is grateful to the doctor in the final scene in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
9. Trace why young Goodman Brown goes to meet the devil.
10. Explain in a sentence why Jim ran away in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

SECTION – B (5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)**ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K3)**

11. a) Explore the power of nature in the poem "A Bird, came down the Walk".
(OR)
b) Identify the poetic devices used in the poem "A Narrow Fellow in The Grass" by Emily Dickinson.
12. a) Show the difference between "scholar and bookworm" with reference to Emerson's "The American Scholar".
(OR)
b) Find out the crux of the essay "The Battle of the Ants".
13. a) Examine the character of Stanley Kowalski in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
(OR)
b) Describe how Blanche's husband Allan died in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
14. a) Bring out the moral lessons found in the story 'The Cask of Amontillado'.
(OR)
b) Assess the usage of Irony in 'The Cask of Amontillado'.
15. a) Assess the humorous incidents found in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
(OR)
b) Identify the similarities and differences between Jim and Pap in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

SECTION – C (5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)**ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (K4 (Or) K5)**

16. a) Attempt a critical analysis of the poem "Success is Counted Sweetest".
(OR)
b) Appraise, in detail, the poem "I Hear America Singing" by Walt Whitman.
17. a) Emerson's "The American Scholar" promotes "nonconformity, self-reliance, and anti-institutionalism"-Examine.
(OR)
b) Classify the duties of the scholar as discussed by Emerson in "The American Scholar".
18. a) Compare and contrast Blanche and Stella in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
(OR)
b) Comment on the significance of the title of *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
19. a) Analyze the relationship between Montresor and Fortunato in 'The Cask of Amontillado'.
(OR)
b) Discuss the themes of Hypocrisy and Sin in "Young Goodman Brown".
20. a) Discuss the role of religion and superstition in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
(OR)
b) Compare and contrast Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
