

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

23PEL311

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 20 ONLY)

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

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS : NOVEMBER 2024

M.A ENGLISH LITERATURE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER-III

TIME : 3 HOURS

23PEL311- AMERICAN LITERATURE-II

SECTION – A

(10X1=10 Marks)

Answer THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. In the poem, what activity are the tramps engaged in when they encounter the narrator?
a) Chopping wood b) Fishing c) Hunting d) Building a shelter
2. In "Insomniac," what literary device does Plath use to convey the speaker's restless state?
a) Metaphor b) Alliteration c) Simile d) Hyperbole
3. Which character in Buried Child is revealed to have a dark secret related to the family's history?
a) Vince b) Halie c) Tilden d) Dodge
4. What is the main occupation of Ikey Schoenstein in the story?
a) A banker b) A jeweler c) A chemist d) A lawyer
5. Who is the protagonist of The Color Purple?
a) Sofia b) Nettie c) Celie d) Shug Avery

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE OR TWO SENTENCES:

6. How does Ezra Pound use imagery in "The Rest"?
7. What is the central theme of William Carlos Williams's "A Note on Poetry"?
8. What is the significance of the "buried child" in the play?
9. How does Elisa's interaction with the tinker affect her?
10. What historical event is central to the plot of The Farming of Bones?

SECTION – B

(5X5=25 Marks)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

11. a. Explain how Robert Frost use imagery to convey the theme of impermanence in "Nothing Gold Can Stay"?
(OR)
b. Explain how Sylvia Plath uses symbolism in "Mushrooms" to convey the idea of collective strength and emergence

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12. a. Explain what Williams suggest about the relationship between poetry and language? **(OR)**
 b. Explain how Faulkner describe the role of the writer in his speech.
13. a. Analyse the central theme of Buried Child? **(OR)**
 b. Explain Shepard's "Buried Child" as a dark comedy and its characteristic features.
14. a. Describe the character of Ikey Schoenstein and his motivations in the story "The Love-Philtre of Ikey Schoenstein". **(OR)**
 b. Bring out the significance of the chrysanthemums in the story.
15. a. Explain how Danticat use the setting to enhance the narrative. **(OR)**
 b. Sketch the character of Celie in "The Color Purple".

SECTION – C (5X8=40 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

16. a. Explain how E.E. Cummings uses unconventional punctuation and structure in "my sweet old etcetera" to convey his themes. **(OR)**
 b. Analyze the tone and mood of the poem "Caged Bird." How do they contribute to the poem's impact?
17. a. Discuss the significance of Faulkner's emphasis on "the human heart in conflict with itself."
(OR)
 b. Analyze the role of language in Williams's conception of poetry as presented in "A Note on Poetry."
18. a. Analyse in detail how Sam Shepard use symbolism in "Buried Child" to enhance the play's themes, Provide specific examples. **(OR)**
 b. Analyze the character of Dodge in "Buried Child" How does he represent the breakdown of traditional family roles and values?
19. a. Explain how O. Henry uses irony in "The Love-Philtre of Ikey Schoenstein". **(OR)**
 b. Explain how Steinbeck address the potential dangers of modern technology in his speech.
20. a. Examine the role of identity and displacement in "The Farming of Bones." **(OR)**
 b. Discuss the significance of letters in "The Color Purple".
