

Roll No.

M.A.-10 (English)
Second Year Examination-2015
MAEG-10/MEG-10 (Old Course)

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

Note : This paper is of sixty (60) marks divided into three (03) sections A, B, and C. Attempt the questions contained in these sections according to the detailed instructions given therein.

Section - A

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note : Section 'A' contains four (04) long-answer-type questions of fifteen (15) marks each. Learners are required to answer any two (02) questions only. (2×15=30)

1. "Walt Whitman is often considered to be a larger-than-life poet, writing expansive lines and embracing the whole of America as his inspiration". Elucidate.
2. Who do you think is the most sympathetic character in the novel *The Bluest Eye*? Give reasons for your answer.

3. Discuss *The Emperor Jones* as a pantomime and an expressionistic play.
4. Give an estimate of Emerson as a philosopher.

Section - B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note : Section 'B' contains eight (08) short-answer-type questions of five (05) marks each. Learners are required to answer any four (04) questions only. (4×5=20)

1. What elements of mysticism do you find in the poems of Emily Dickinson?
2. Bring out the salient features of Frost as a poet of rural life.
3. Discuss in brief the relationship between the scarlet letter and Hester's identity.
4. Would you consider *A Farewell to Arms* an antiwar novel? Why?
5. Trace the picaresque elements in *Huckleberry Finn*.
6. Is Willy a victim of society or his own victim? Why?
7. Isolation is a strong current that runs through Ramond Carver's *A Small Good Thing*? Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
8. How does Jim drive out Laura's shyness and stand -offish attitude? How far does he succeed?

Section - C

(Objective Type Questions)

Note : Section 'C' contains ten (10) objective-type questions of one (01) mark each. All the questions of this section are compulsory. (10×1=10)

1. Who among the following is known as the Bard of Democracy?
(a) Robert Frost (b) Walt Whitman
(c) Eugene O' Neill (d) Emily Dickinson
2. Which of the following poems ends with the line,
"I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference." ?
(a) Mending Walls
(b) The Road Not Taken
(c) Birches
(d) Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening
3. Which of the following is not a play by Arthur Miller?
(a) *All my Sons* (b) *A View From the Bridge*
(c) *Beyond the Horizon* (d) *The Crucible*
4. Who among the following did not like being called a Minimalist writer because he felt, "it smacks of smallness of vision and execution."
(a) Raymond Carver (b) Tennessee Williams
(c) Mark Twain (d) Nathaniel Hawthorne

5. What does the scarlet letter in Hester Prynne's dress stand for?
6. What does the river Mississippi symbolize for Huck and Jim?
7. Which essay prescribed in your course is "an impassioned prayer for a realistic, sincere and independent American intellectual thought."
8. In *The Emperor Jones*, Brutus Jones is convinced that only a colour bullet could kill him.
9. *The Bluest Eye* depicts the tragic life of a young black girl named
10. In the play, Tennessee Williams traces the effect of illusion upon the individual by exploring the physical, mental and spiritual conditions of Tom, Laura and Amanda Wingfield.