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**M. A. (Fourth Semester) (Main/ATKT)
EXAMINATION, May-June, 2021**

ENGLISH

Paper Third

(American Literature-II)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note : Attempt all Sections as directed.

Section—A

1 each

(Objective/Multiple Choice Questions)

Note : Attempt all questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Who coined the term “theatre of the absurd” ?

- (a) Martin Esslin
- (b) Albert Camus
- (c) Samuel Beckett
- (d) Eugene Ionesco

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2. One of the dominant themes in Wallace Stevens's poem "Sunday Morning" consists of the juxtaposition of nature against which set of cultural symbols ?
 - (a) Elements of the Christian narrative of salvation
 - (b) The ideal of courtly love
 - (c) The alchemical concept of the philosopher's stone
 - (d) The Renaissance concept of humanism
3. The Opening line of Wallace Stevens's poem of Modern Poetry : "The poem of the _____."
 - (a) Mind
 - (b) Heart
 - (c) Soul
 - (d) World
4. What is different about the Kellers' yard at the beginning of the play *All My Sons* ?
 - (a) A tree has fallen
 - (b) The hammock is broken
 - (c) A large picnic is going on
 - (d) It has been mowed
5. What is the only part of the paper that Joe Keller reads in *All My Sons* ?
 - (a) The want ads
 - (b) The world news
 - (c) The sports section
 - (d) The obituaries

6. What does Joe claim a man cannot be in this world ?
- (a) Jesus
 - (b) A hermit
 - (c) A saint
 - (d) A stone
7. What single-worded piece of advice does Kate give Chris in the last moment of the play ?
- (a) Live
 - (b) Love
 - (c) Forgive
 - (d) Hope
8. Why does Caroline change Benjamin's name ?
- (a) She thinks it will cure him.
 - (b) She changes his name hide his real identity.
 - (c) She thinks it sounds better.
 - (d) The children tease him.
9. How old is Benjamin when his mother changes his name ?
- (a) Five
 - (b) Three
 - (c) Eight
 - (d) Two

10. What was Benjamin's original name ?
- (a) Maury
 - (b) Quentin
 - (c) Lucifer
 - (d) Jason
11. In what part of the country does the play take place ?
- (a) New England
 - (b) The Midwest
 - (c) The Rocky Mountain West
 - (d) The Deep South
12. Which actress starred in the film that Martha is trying to think of ?
- (a) Bette Davis
 - (b) Lotte Lenya
 - (c) Joan Crawford
 - (d) Grace Kelly
13. What color is the thread that embroiders the scarlet letter ?
- (a) Gold
 - (b) Silver
 - (c) Crimson
 - (d) Teal

14. Which character is described as having a 'wildflower prettiness' ?
- (a) Pearl
 - (b) Hibbins
 - (c) Chillingworth
 - (d) Hester
15. How long had their last dry spell lasted before Santiago and the boy caught some good fish ?
- (a) 86 days
 - (b) 67 days
 - (d) 84 days
 - (d) 64 days
16. Even though the boy can no longer fish with Santiago, how does he show his loyalty ?
- (a) He goes every day to help him unload his equipment.
 - (b) He helps Santiago repaint his boat.
 - (c) He gives Santiago a new sail for his boat.
 - (d) He invites him to his parents' house for supper.
17. What is the meaning of salao ?
- (a) Extreme bad luck.
 - (b) A small room.
 - (c) The champion.
 - (d) A greeting.

18. The river in *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* serves as a symbol of which of the following ?
- (a) freedom
 - (b) slavery
 - (c) equality
 - (d) commerce
19. What is Mark Twain's real name ?
- (a) Samuel Clemens
 - (b) Mark Twain
 - (c) Thomas Cooley
 - (d) Bill Morton
20. *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* can best be described as :
- (a) social commentary
 - (b) an adventure novel
 - (c) a humor novel
 - (d) all of the above

Section—B

2 each

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Note : Attempt the following questions in not more than three sentences.

1. What does modern poetry have to “think about” in the world ?
2. Name *four* writers most commonly associated with Absurdism ?

3. What is the significance of the fallen tree in the Kellers' yard ?
4. Why did Albee title his play *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* ?
5. What meaning does setting help to convey in *The Sound and the Fury* ?
6. In *The Old Man and the Sea*, what is Santiago's relationship with the sea ?
7. Why is the scaffold in *The Scarlet Letter* the only place where Dimmesdale could successfully escape from Chillingworth ?
8. What is picaresque novel in English literature ?

Section—C

3 each

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Note : Attempt the following questions in not more than seventy-five words.

1. Write a brief on Realism versus Naturalism.
2. What is the significance of Sunday in the poem Sunday Morning ?
3. Describe Joe Keller.
4. How does Nick's name reveal his character in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* ?
5. Explain the significance of the title of Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury*.
6. Compare the old man and the fish in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
7. In *The Scarlet Letter* does Dimmesdale deserve our pity because he is a victim of harsh Puritan views ? Explain.

8. Discuss the concept of Slavery in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Section—D

4 each

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note : Attempt the following questions in not more than one hundred and fifty words.

1. Explain the development of Realism in American Literature.

Or

Write a note on Existentialism.

2. What are the themes in “A Postcard from the Volcano” ?

Or

Discuss Wallace Stevens as a modernist poet.

3. The tragedy of Joe Keller’s life is driven by his realisation that the world does not end with his family.

Or

Why do George and Martha repeatedly sing “Virginia Woolf” instead of “the big bad wolf” in *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf* ?

4. Discuss the historical context of *The Sound and the Fury*.

Or

“Man can be destroyed but not defeated.” How is this exemplified in *The Old Man and the Sea* ?

5. Is Hester Prynne of *The Scarlet Letter* a feminist heroine ?

Or

Why does Mark Twain use a young boy for narration in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* ?