

Roll No.

MEG–10

American Literature

M. A. English (MEG–10)

Second Year, Examination, 2017

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Note : This paper is of **sixty (60)** marks containing **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 *two* (02) questions only.

1. “Walt Whitman is a poet of the universe, not just that of American nationhood.” How far do you agree with statement ? Give your arguments based on his poetry.
2. “Finn is an expression of the racial prejudices in white America that surfaces time and again.” Discuss.
3. Arthur Miller’s “Death of a Salesman is a tragedy of wanton capitalism.” Discuss.
4. How far have the views of Ralph Waldo Emerson affected American psyche of the 20th century ? Discuss.

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 *four* (04) questions only.

1. Describe one central trait of the poetry of Emily Dickinson.
2. Can the poetry of Robert Frost be called didactic ? Give a reasoned answer.
3. What relationship exists between race and religion as depicted in "The Scarlet Letter" ?
4. To what extent does the author's personal experience affect the success of the novel "A Farewell to Arms" ?
5. What purpose does the colour of the eyes serve in the novel "The Bluest Eyes" ?
6. Trace the elements of modernity in the plays of Arthur Miller.
7. Sketch the character of the protagonist in the play "The Emperor Jones".
8. What is the central current that runs through the entire text of "A Small Good Thing" ?

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.

1. Who among the following has composed "Song of Myself" ?
(a) Emily Dickinson

- (b) Robert Frost
 - (c) Sylvia Plata
 - (d) Walt Whitman
2. Who among the following penned the given below lines :
- “Success is counted sweetest By those who never succeeded” taken ?
- (a) Emily Dickinson
 - (b) Anne Bradstreet
 - (c) Hilda Doolittle
 - (d) Marianne Moore
3. In “Mending Wall”, who is always busy building and mending the wall ?
- (a) The Neighbour
 - (b) Nature
 - (c) God
 - (d) Something
4. Where does Mrs. Breedlove work ?
- (a) At a restaurant
 - (b) At the local school
 - (c) At the house of a white family
 - (d) None of the above
5. What is the name of the good-natured doctor who agrees to operate on Henry’s leg ?
- (a) Dr. Gorizia
 - (b) Dr. Influenza
 - (c) Dr. Pavla
 - (d) Dr. Valentine
6. In “The Glass Menagerie” what is the name of Tom’s sister ?
- (a) Cheryl
 - (b) Susan
 - (c) Lily
 - (d) Amanda

7. With which of the following movements was Ralph Waldo Emerson associated ?
 - (a) The Civil Rights Movement
 - (b) The Abolitionist Movement
 - (c) The Ku Klux Klan Movement
 - (d) Transcendentalism
8. The Central Conflict in “A Small Good Thing” is :
 - (a) Conflict between Anna and Howard
 - (b) Conflict between Anna and Baker
 - (c) Scotty’s Car accident
 - (d) Conflict between Howard and Baker
9. With which of the following movements is O’Neill’s play the Emperor Jones influenced ?
 - (a) Existentialism
 - (b) Impressionism
 - (c) Realism
 - (d) Expressionism
10. How did Tom and Huck become rich ?
 - (a) They were given \$ 6,000 for handing over a runaway slave.
 - (b) They found a robber’s stash of gold
 - (c) Tom’s father lent him \$ 6,000
 - (d) Huck’s father left him \$ 6,000