

**B.A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2015****Sixth Semester**

B.A. English

Core Course—AMERICAN LITERATURE

[For Model I and Model II B.A. English Programmes]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A***Answer all questions.**Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.**Choose the correct answer from the following.*

- I. 1 The great teaching for which Emerson is best remembered :
- (a) Self-reliance. (b) Humanism.  
(c) Individualism. (d) Transcendentalism.
- 2 Who views that "life may be lyric or epic, as well as a poem or a romance" ?
- (a) Emerson. (b) Byron.  
(c) Carlyle. (d) Thoreau.
- 3 Who among the following is known as the shaping force behind the American Studies Movement ?
- (a) William Faulkner. (b) Emily Dickinson.  
(c) Robert E. Spiller. (d) Walt Whitman.
- 4 Who views that "language incontestably reveals the speaker" ?
- (a) James Baldwin. (b) David Crystal.  
(c) Emerson. (d) Thoreau.
- II. 5 "Leaves of Grass" is written by :
- (a) Whitman. (b) Emily Dickinson.  
(c) Thoreau. (d) Frost.
- 6 To whom poetry begins in delight and ends in wisdom ?
- (a) Emily Dickinson. (b) Walt Whitman.  
(c) E.A. Robinson. (d) Frost.

**Turn over**

- 7 The narrator of the poem "Reluctance" returns home during the :
- (a) Spring. (b) Winter.  
(c) Autumn. (d) Summer.
- 8 The use of etcetra in the last line is :
- (a) Euphemism. (b) Empathy.  
(c) Alliteration. (d) Onomatopoeia.
- III. 9 "Gradually light returns to the street" means :
- (a) Life resumes to normal routine.  
(b) It is day break.  
(c) Streets are bright.  
(d) Light is unpredictable.
- 10 The conversation Mrs. Stevenson overhears is :
- (a) An exchange of goodwill. (b) An operation to kill someone.  
(c) A plan to make a trip abroad. (d) Discussion of a theft.
- 11 Who of the following created "fugitive kind of characters excluded from the normal" :
- (a) Tennessee Williams. (b) Lucille Fletcher.  
(c) Richard A. Viva. (d) Ambrose Bierce.
- 12 Who is known as the "friendly innkeeper of the town" ?
- (a) Stephen. (b) Parker J.  
(c) Goodman Parker. (d) Stephen J Parker.
- IV. 13 "The Five Boons of Life" is a :
- (a) Gothic story. (b) Parable.  
(c) Mystery. (d) Tragedy.
- 14 The term "monstrous joy" is an example of :
- (a) Metaphor. (b) Alliteration.  
(c) Oxymoron. (d) Onomatopoeia.
- 15 The horseman in the sky turned out to be :
- (a) One of Druse's own company. (b) A Hallucination.  
(c) Druse's father. (d) An innocent man not committed to either sides.

16 Who of the following won Nobel Prize for Literature ?

- (a) Nathaniel Hawthorne. (b) Robert Frost.  
(c) Earnest Hemingway. (d) O. Henry.

(4 × 1 = 4)

### Part B

*Answer any five of the following questions each in a sentence or two.  
Each question carries a weight of 1.*

- 17 What is the impact of a good ballad on its reader ?  
18 What is the central idea in "The Battle of the Ants" ?  
19 Do you think that the English language is colonial ?  
20 How did Isabel contribute to the war ?  
21 What does the poet mean by "Great Nature" ?  
22 Why is the younger waiter in a hurry ?  
23 What is the generation gap Dad speaks of ?  
24 What is the significance of the telegram sent by Elbert ?

(5 × 1 = 5)

### Part C

*Answer any four of the following questions each in about 100 words.  
Each question carries a weight of 2.*

- 25 What is the brave new world opened up before, Dorothy ?  
26 What is the historic context of the story "Mammen and the Archer" ?  
27 Comment on the protagonist of "The Five Boons of Life".  
28 Define dialect.  
29 What is the role of art for Emerson ?  
30 What is the theme of the poem "Miniver Cheavey" ?

(4 × 2 = 8)

### Part D

*Answer any two of the following questions each in about 300 words.  
Each question carries a weight of 4.*

- 31 Examine the significance of Thoreau's arguments in "The Battle of the Ants".  
32 Enumerate the message in the poem "O Captain ! My Captain".  
33 Discuss the trauma of the neurotic Mrs. Stevenson in "Sorry, Wrong Number".

(2 × 4 = 8)