

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
MA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2024
(First Semester)

Branch - ENGLISH

AMERICAN LITERARY STUDIES

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	The tone of the poem of Walt Whitman is ----- a) hopeful b) ecstatic c) somber d) optimistic	K1	CO1
	2	In the past, Tracy Smith says she lived on ----- a) coffee and Sandwich b) coffee and burger c) porridge and bread d) coffee and bread	K2	CO1
2	3	According to Toni Morrison, one of the important causes of the degradation of language is ----- a) powerful people b) cheap writers c) visual medium d) politics	K1	CO1
	4	On his walk, Thoreau says he wishes to enter the deserted ----- hut. a) woodman's b) snow-sailor's c) hunter's d) Aboriginal people's	K2	CO2
3	5	In the play of Edward Albee, when George fires at Martha with a rifle a ----- comes out of the gun barrel. a) Chinese bullet b) Chinese parasol c) American Frangible bullet d) Chinese Spitzer	K1	CO1
	6	The action of the play <i>The Glass Menagerie</i> is set nearest to the ----- of American history. a) Transcendentalism b) Romanticism c) Reconstruction d) great depression	K2	CO1
4	7	Clare's childhood friend is ----- a) Snow b) Julia c) Lily d) Rose	K1	CO1
	8	The novel <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> covers a time period of --- ----- a) 2 months b) 2 years c) around 3 weeks d) 5 months	K2	CO2
5	9	Poe specified that the genre ----- is superior to the genre novel. a) drama b) poetry c) biography d) short story	K1	CO1
	10	Robert Frost images the poet as a giant, lover and a - ----- a) bird b) grasshopper c) dragonfly d) butterfly	K2	CO2

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Demonstrate the concepts of the Hindu philosophy employed by Emerson in his poem "Brahma."	K2	CO1
	(OR)			
	11.b.	Explain the irony of the title "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings."		
2	12.a.	Select the notions of Toni Morrison about woman to woman bonding from her Nobel Prize acceptance speech.	K3	CO3
	(OR)			
	12.b.	Organize the thoughts of Thoreau about the wonders of Nature he specifies in his essay "A Winter Walk."		
3	13.a.	Discover the significance of "Walpurgisnacht" with the action of the II Act of the play <i>Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?</i>	K4	CO1
	(OR)			
	13.b.	Categorize the symbols that represent reality and illusion in the play <i>The Glass Menagerie</i> .		
4	14.a.	Distinguish between the life style of a "Southern family" from other families, as described by Gail Godwin.	K4	CO2
	(OR)			
	14.b.	List out the duties of a mechanical hound in <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> .		
5	15.a.	Construct the logical sequence of Poe's attempt to create a poem like <i>Raven</i> .	K3	CO3
	(OR)			
	15.b.	Organize the views of Robert Frost on the linguistic and formal elements of a poem.		

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Analyze the theme of death in the poems of Emily Dickinson.	K4	CO1
2	17	Inspect the aspects of transcendentalism in the writings of Henry David Thoreau.	K4	CO4
3	18	Apply the traits of a tragic play on <i>The Glass Menagerie</i> and explain the same with examples.	K5	CO3
4	19	Prove <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> as a dystopian novel.	K5	CO3
5	20	Formulate the Philosophy of Composition of a poem, from the point of view of Poe.	K6	CO5