

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2022
(Sixth Semester)

Branch – ENGLISH

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

Section A

I. Answer all questions:

(10*1=10)

1. According to Emerson, what does every educated man eventually realize?
 - (i) Wealth is subjective
 - (ii) Perspective is flawed
 - (iii) Envy is ignorance
 - (iv) Life is fleeting
2. Why must men seek solitude, according to Emerson?
 - (i) To experience nature
 - (ii) To think without the influence of society
 - (iii) To find God
 - (iv) To value society upon return
3. How does Emerson characterize traditional prayer?
 - (i) Unnecessarily flowery
 - (ii) Boring
 - (iii) A futile exercise
 - (iv) A form of begging
4. What does Emerson consider a valid form of prayer?
 - (i) Latin liturgy
 - (ii) Right action
 - (iii) A long, quiet walk
 - (iv) Meditation
5. In what century did Walt Whitman live?
 - (i) eighteenth
 - (ii) nineteenth
 - (iii) twentieth
 - (iv) twenty-third
6. In the poem "The Raven", the narrator tells of being "filled with fantastic terrors never felt before"; but, then his "soul grew stronger." What action, in the fourth stanza, does the narrator take?
 - (i) He opens the door
 - (ii) He cries
 - (iii) He opens the window
 - (iv) He prays
7. Which words could be used to describe Death in the poem, "Because I Could not Stop for Death" poem?
 - (i) Hasty, rough, terrifying
 - (ii) Civil, polite, gentlemanly
 - (iii) Loud, friendly, pleasant
 - (iv) Inconspicuous and weak
8. What is the first line of Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall"?
 - (i) Good fences make good neighbors
 - (ii) Two roads diverged in a yellow wood
 - (iii) Whose these are I think I know
 - (iv) Something there is that doesn't love a wall

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