

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2017
(Sixth Semester)

Branch-ENGLISH

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : Three Hours .

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION-A

- I Annotate any five of the following passages choosing not more than two from each group: (5 x 5 = 25)

GROUP-A

- 1 I become a transparent eyeball; I am *
nothing; I see all; the currents of the
universal being circulate through me; I am
part or parcel of god.
- 2 Is it so bad, then, to be misunderstood?
Pythagoras was misunderstood, and Socrates,
And Jesus, and Luther, and Copernicus, and
Galileo, and Newton, and every pure and -
Wise spirit that ever took flesh. To be great is to be misunderstood. *
- 3 There is a time in everyman's education when
he arrives at the conviction that envy is
ignorance; that imitation is suicide.
- 4 The great man is he who in the midst of the
crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the
independence of solitude.

GROUP - B

- 5 The day what belongs to the day - at night the party of young
fellows, robust, friendly,
Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.
- 6 Not one of all the purple Host
Who took the flag today
Can tell the definition
So clear of victory.
- 7 We passed the school, where children, strove
At recess in the ring
We passed the fields of gazing grain
We passed the setting sun.
- 8 O masters, lords and rulers in all lands
How will the future reckon with this man?
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake all shores?

GROUP-C

- 9 The house is two stories high and had seven rooms. It would have cost perhaps fifteen thousand in the early twenties when it was built.
- 10 Because certain things have to be, and certain can never be. Like the sun has to rise, it has to be.
- 11 We've made a terrible mistake with Mother being dishonest with her. That kind of thing always pays off, and now it's paying off.
- 12 Yes. I like it an hour a day. If I have to grub for money all day. long atleast at evening I want it beautiful. I want a family, I want some kids, I want to build something I can give myself to.

SECTIONS

Answer the following question in Not more than 500 words: (5x10 = 50)

- 1 a Discuss the relationship between Emerson and Transcendentalism, with , special reference to '*Self-Reliance*' .
OR
b '*Self-Reliance*' brings out Emerson's stand on the Philosophy of Life. Elaborate.
- 2 a Analyse Walt Whitman's craftsmanship in "*O Captain! My Captain!*"
OR
b Discuss the optimistic tone reflected in Emily Dickinson's poems.
- 3 a Comment on the Justice and Judgement in '*All My Sons*'.
OR
b Sketch the character of Chris Keller in '*All My Sons*'.
- 4 a Discuss how Tom Sawyer changes over the course of the story, '*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*'.
OR
b Analyze the character of Aunt Polly and her relationship to Tom.
- 5 a Comment on the characterization of Jimmy Wells and "Silky" Bob in '*After Twenty Years*'
OR
b Discuss how Poe portrays the motif of the doppelganger in '*The Fall of the House of Usher*'.