

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2024
(Sixth Semester)
Branch – ENGLISH

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

1. Which of the following figures does Emerson not mention as being an example of speaking one's mind?
(i) Milton (ii) Plato
(iii) Socrates (iv) Moses
2. What does the author call the bird throughout the poem "The Raven"?
(i) Lenore (ii) Prophet
(iii) My friend (iv) Love
3. Whom does the speaker refer to in the poem "I Hear America Singing"?
(i) Ordinary working people (ii) Wounded soldiers
(iii) Great figures in the US history (iv) Doctors and Nurses
4. What was Arthur Miller's religious background?
(i) Anglican (ii) Baptist
(iii) Jewish (iv) Catholic
5. Who is Santiago's hero?
(i) Harry Truman (ii) Joe DiMaggio
(iii) Dick Sisler (iv) Fidel Castro

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

Annotate the Questions from 6 to 8:

- 6 a "Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string."
OR
b "We denote this primary wisdom as Intuition, whilst all later teachings are tuitions."
- 7 a "Rise up - for you the flag is flung - for you the bugle trills,
For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths - for you the shores a-crowding".
OR
b "He is all pine and I am apple orchard.
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him."
- 8 a "If November 25th was his favorable day, then it's completely possible he's alive."
OR
b "They knew he was a liar the first time, but in the appeal they believed that rotten lie."
- 9 a Explain the policeman's feelings while doing his patrol duty.
OR
b **Annotate:** "What gulfs between him and the seraphim!
Slave of the wheel of labor, what to him
Are Plato and the swing of Pleiades?"

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- 10 a How does Santiago lose the marlin?
OR
b Describe Hemingway's portrayal of Santiago's relationship with the sea.

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a Discuss the perspectives of Emerson on "Self Reliance".
OR
b Enumerate how Emerson criticizes the society in his "Self Reliance"?
- 12 a Examine how Death is personified in the poem "Because I Could Not Stop for Death".
OR
b Justify "The Raven" as a Gothic poem.
- 13 a "Money plays Many Roles." - Highlight this saying through the characters in the play *All My Sons*.
OR
b Analyze the significance of the title *All My Sons*.
- 14 a Identify how the statement, "Man can be destroyed but not defeated" is appropriate to Santiago.
OR
b Justify *The Old Man and the Sea* as an allegory of Man's life on earth.
- 15 a Differentiate the characters Jimmy Wells and Silky Bob in "After Twenty Years".
OR
b Survey how a folly of the bird Blue Jay turned the situation into a tourist attraction.

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