

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2019
(Sixth Semester)

Branch - ENGLISH

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION-A

Annotate any FIVE of the following passage choosing not more than TWO from each group (5x5=25)

Group A

- 1 ... If I am the Devil's child, I will live then from the Devil.
- 2 Leave your theory, as Joseph his coat in the hand of the harlot, and flee.
- 3 My book should smell of pines and resound with the hum of insects. The swallow over my window should interweave that thread or straw he carries in his bill into my web also.
- 4 Abide in the simple and noble regions of the life, obey the heart and there shalt reproduce the Foreworld again.

Group B

- 5 Here Captain ! dear father!
This arm beneath your head!
- 6 As he defeated, dying
On whose forbidden ear
The distant strains of triumph
Break, agonized and clear.
- 7 We passed the school, where children strove
At Recess - in the Ring-
- 8 ... I could say 'Elves' to him
But it's not elves exactly and I'd rather
He said it for himself.

Group C

- 9 I don't know why it is, but every time I reach out for something I want, I have to Pull back because other people will suffer.
- 10 "Everything that happened seems to be coming back".
- 11 I felt wrong to be alive, to open the bank account,
to drive the new car, to see the new refrigerator.

SECTION - B

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

1 a Critically examine Emerson's concept of Self-Reliance and point out its limitations.

OR

b What are Emerson's views on conformity and Non-conformity.

2 a What is the message of the poem 'O captain! My captain'?

OR

b Write a critical appreciation of 'Success is Counted Sweetest'.

3 a Consider 'All My Sons' as a social tragedy.

OR

b Sketch the character of Joe Keller.

4 a Discuss the methods in which Twain brings unity to the loose structure of the novel 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer'.

OR

b Discuss Twain's use of superstition throughout the novel and show how these superstitions affect the various action.

5 a What are the different types of moods in the story 'After Twenty Years'?

OR

b Comment on "The Fall of the House of Usher" as a sincere expression of horror and mystery.

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