

(AUTONOMOUS)

BA DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2018

(Sixth Semester)

Branch - ENGLISH

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION - A

Annotate any FIVE of the following choosing NOT more than TWO from each group: (5x 5=25)

GROUP-A

- 1 “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 every took flesh. To be great is to be misunderstood.”
- 2 “A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines. With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do. He may as well concern himself with his shadow on the wall.
- 3 “Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles”.
- 4 “A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds.”

GROUP-B

- 5 My captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still,
My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will;
The ship is anchored safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,
From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won;
- 6 The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat, the
Deckhand singing on the steamboat deck.
The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, the hatter singing
As he stands,
- 7 Unmoved - she notes the chariots - pausing -
At her low gate -
Unmoved - an emperor be kneeling
Upon her mat -
- 8 And then he drank a dew
From a convenient grass -
And then hopped sidewise to the wall
To let a Beetle pass -

Cont

GROUP-C

- 9 No, I'm just interested. To see what people want, y'know? For instance here's a guy is lookin' for two Newfoundland dogs. Now what's he want with two Newfoundland gods?
- 10 There's nothing he could do that I wouldn't forgive. Because he's my son. Because I'm his father and he's my son.
- 11 If you can't get used to it, then throw it away. You hear me? Take every cent and give it to charity, throw it in the sewer. Does that settle it? In the sewer, that's all. You think I'm kidding? I'm tellin' you to do it, if it's dirty then bum it It's your money, that's not my money. I'm a dead man, I'm an old dean man, nothing's mine. Well, talk to me! What do you want to do.
- 12 Well, that's what a war does. I had two'sons, now it got one. It changed all the tallies. In my day when you had sons it was an honor.

SECTION - B

Answer the following questions in not more than 500 words:(5 x 10 = 50)

- 1 a Write an essay on Emerson's views on traveling.
OR
b Discuss Emerson's views on the spirit of contemporary society.
- 2 a How does Walt Whitman mourn the death of Abraham Lincoln in the Poem 'O Captain! My Captain!'.
OR
b Describe the poet Emily Dickenson's journey with death.
- 3 a Bring out the circumstances leading to Keller's suicide.
OR
b Ske tch the character of Kate Keller.
- 4 a How did Tom entice the boys into white washing the fence?
OR
b What did Tom and Huck witness in the graveyard?
- 5 a Show how in "The Fall of the House of Usher" many features of the physical setting assume symbolic meaning as the story unfolds.
OR
b What is the characterization of Bob and Jimmy Wells in the story "After Twenty Years" by O. Henry?

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