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**Master's Degree Examination – November 2024**  
**III Semester**

**Class : II PG**  
**Major : English**

**Time: 3 Hours**  
**Max. Marks: 100**

**23MENC15 American Literature**

**Course Outcomes:**

- CO1: Gain knowledge of short story as a genre of literature and learn its characteristics.  
CO2: Understand the literary texts in different sociopolitical and cultural contexts  
CO3: Comprehend different types of short stories and techniques specific to types  
CO4: Analyse the works for universality of themes and contemporary relevance  
CO5: Develop language and literary style through reading short stories

**Part A**

**10 x 1 = 10**

**Choose the Correct Answer**

1. What is the form of "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd"?  
a. Sonnet      b. Epic      c. Pastoral Elegy      d. Ode      CO1K1
2. What is the feeling dealt in "Birches"?  
a. Nostalgic      b. Apocalyptic      c. Analytical      d. Social      CO1K1
3. What kind of blind acceptance is pointed by Thoreau?  
a. Upcoming trends      b. Old theories  
c. New possibilities      d. Traditional & conventional ways      CO2K1
4. What circles Thoreau's house?  
a. Hounds      b. Park      c. Centre of land      d. Near river      CO2K1
5. Which of the following figures of speech is used to indicate the theme in  
*The Ambitious Guest* ?  
a. Simile      b. Irony      c. Oxymoron      d. Metaphor      CO3K1
6. What is the setting of the story *The Ambitious Guest* ?  
a. Nestled in the Notch of the White Hills  
b. Nestled in the Scotch of the White Hills  
c. Nestled in the Western of the White Hills  
d. Nestled in the Eastern part of the White Hills      CO3K1
7. Find out the personality: Difficult man who abides by the rules of a previous generation  
a. Dr. Tamkin      b. Dr. Adler      c. Tommy Wilhelm      d. Margaret      CO4K1
8. Who represents fraudulent and questionable character in "Seize the Day"?  
a. Dr. Tamkin      b. Dr. Adler      c. Tommy Wilhelm      d. Margaret      CO4K1
9. To whom the following words suit: Appears to be successful and happy, but he is actually  
tormented and plagued with feelings of guilt  
a. Joe Keller      b. Kate Keller      c. Chris Keller      d. Ann Deever      CO5K1
10. Who is considered as the antagonist of the play "All My Son's"?  
a. Joe Keller      b. Kate Keller      c. Chris Keller      d. Ann Deever      CO5K1

Part B

5 x 6 = 30

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

- 11.a. Illustrate the theme of death presented in "Because I could not stop for Death". CO1K2  
(or)
- 11.b. Estimate your ideas on the theme presented in "The Waking". CO1K2
- 12.a. Present Thoreau views in *Walden*. CO2K3  
(or)
- 12.b Explain the importance of nature as presented by Emerson. CO2K3
- 13.a. Describe the plot of the story *The Ambitious Guest*. CO3K4  
(or)
- 13.b. Evaluate the message given by Kate Chopin through *A Pair of Silk Stockings*. CO3K4
- 14.a. Explain the theme of isolation in "Seize the Day". CO4K3  
(or)
- 14.b. *The Old Man and the Sea* won the Nobel price for the universality of the theme - Discuss CO4K3
- 15.a. Who plays the dual role in the play *Glass Menagerie* and explain the roles? CO5K2  
(or)
- 15.b. Does Jim have the potential greatness attributed to him by Laura. CO5K2

Part C

5 x 12 = 60

Answer ALL questions

Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages

- 16.a. Discuss Walt Whitman's mourning the death of President Abraham Lincoln through *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed*. CO1K2  
(or)
- 16.b. The theme of youth's imagination as presented in the poem "Birches" by Frost. CO1K2
- 17.a. Illustrate the importance of simple life style dealt in "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau CO2K3  
(or)
- 17.b. Determine Thoreau's observation of nature in *Where I lived and what I lived for* CO2K3
- 18.a. Significance of the title *The Ambitious Guest* - Discuss. CO3K4  
(or)
- 18.b. Analyse the theme of universality of human ambition as portrayed in *The Ambitious Guest*. CO3K4
- 19.a Evaluate the perspectives of dreams and hope dealt in "Seize the Day". CO4K5  
(or)
- 19.b. Justify the title of the novel *Seize the Day* by Saul Bellow's. CO4K5
- 20.a. Formulate the theme of "Guilt and Blame" presented in "All My Sons". CO5K6  
(or)
- 20.b. Justify the role played by Joe Keller in "All My Sons". CO5K6

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