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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India

**Bachelor's Degree Examination – January 2021**

**V Semester**

**Class : III UG**  
**Major : English**

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

**18BENC14 American Literature**

**PART A**

**10 x 1 = 10**

**Choose the Correct Answer**

1. Where did American Modernism take place ?
  - a. America
  - b. Spain
  - c. China
  - d. Iceland
2. The American realism movement covered the years
  - a. before the revolutionary war
  - b. around the civil war
  - c. before the civil war
  - d. after the revolutionary war
3. What is the speaker watching throughout the poem 'A Bird came down the walk' ?
  - a. a leaf
  - b. a beetle
  - c. a bird
  - d. a worm
4. What is the literary form of the poem "Mending Walls" by Robert Frost?
  - a. blank verse
  - b. limerick
  - c. sonnet
  - d. haiku.
5. What does Biff steal from Bill Oliver's office as an adult ?
  - a. A trophy
  - b. Seeds
  - c. Money
  - d. A pen
6. In which city does The Zoo Story take place ?
  - a. San Francisco
  - b. Chicago
  - c. Boston
  - d. New York
7. How many times does Thoreau use the term "Civil disobedience" in his essay ?
  - a. 3
  - b. 7
  - c. none
  - d. 2
8. According to Thoreau the authority of government derives from :
  - a. The consent of the governed
  - b. Divine right
  - c. Biblical Teaching
  - d. The constitution
9. What gesture does Reverend Dimmesdale make throughout the book ?
  - a. Places his hand over his heart
  - b. Rubs his brow
  - c. Pulls at his shirt sleeves
  - d. Raises his eyes to heaven
10. According to Ishmael, what is the wealth of New Bedford built upon ?
  - a. Whale oil
  - b. International trade
  - c. Ship construction
  - d. Life insurance

**Part B**

**5 x 6 = 30**

**Answer ALL questions**

**Each answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages**

- 11.a. Write a note on the beginning of American Naturalism.  
(or)
- 11.b. Enumerate the growth of Modernism in America.
- 12.a. What is the central theme of “ O Captain! My Captain! ?  
(or)
- 12.b. Bring out the symbolism in the poem ‘Lady Lazarus’.
- 13.a. Comment on the character of Willy Loman.  
(or)
- 13.b. Compare and contrast Peter and Jerry’s personalities.
- 14.a. Describe Thoreau’s views of Government and Democracy.  
(or)
- 14.b. Evaluate the theme of “Civil Disobedience”.
- 15.a. Sketch the character of Arthur Dimmesdale.  
(or)
- 15.b. Bring out the deceptiveness of fate in “Moby Dick”.

**Part C**

**5 x 12 = 60**

**Answer ALL questions**

**Each answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages**

- 16.a. Evaluate the features of Realism in American Literature.  
(or)
- 16.b. Trace the development of Romanticism in American Literature.
- 17.a. Elaborate the image of the army in the poem ‘Success is counted sweetest’.  
(or)
- 17.b. How do you compare the attitude of the narrator and his neighbor in ‘Mending wall’?
- 18.a. Enumerate the American dream in “The Death of a Salesman”.  
(or)
- 18.b. Discuss Albee’s depiction of homosexuality in The Zoo Story.
- 19.a. Illustrate how Thoreau makes an allusion in “ Civil Disobedience”.  
(or)
- 19.b. Explain the influence of “ Civil Disobedience”.
- 20.a. Consider “Scarlet Letter” as a Protofeminist novel.  
(or)
- 20.b. Critically evaluate the theme of “Moby Dick”.

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