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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India

**Continuous Internal Assessment Test-I, August 2024**  
**SEMESTER III**

**Class : II M A**  
**Major: English**

**Time: 2 hrs**  
**Max marks: 60**

**23MENC15 – AMERICAN LITERATURE**

**Course Outcomes:**

1. Understand the place of American Literature among world literatures
2. Understand the socio-cultural scenarios in American Literature and the issues specific to American writers
3. Expertise in critically analyzing the themes, techniques and style of American Literature
4. Infer the philosophic principles and analyse the American life as reflected in literature
5. Analyse the American ethos of the works and be able to make supportive arguments

**Part - A**

**6x1=6 Marks**

**Choose the Correct Answer**

1. Whom did Ezra Pound call "America's poet . . . He is America"? CO1K1  
a. Emerson    b. Theodore Roethke    c. Thoreau    d. Walt Whitman
2. The writer, popularly known by his pen name Mark Twain, is \_\_\_\_\_ CO2K1  
a. Samuel Langhorne Clemens    b. Saul Bellow    c. Robert Kennedy    d. Arthur Miller
3. Emily Dickinson personifies \_\_\_\_\_ as a gentleman caller CO2K1  
a. season    b. life    c. death    d. the rider
4. Little Mrs. Sommers one day found herself the unexpected (CO1K1)  
possessor of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars  
a. 45    b. 80    c. 60    d. 15
5. "The Five Boons of Life" portrays the fall of a miserable and self-conceited young (CO1K1)  
man, who is offered gifts by  
a. a fairy    b. God    c. his Patron    d. friend

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6. What did the family in the story "The Ambitious Guest" offer every traveler who stopped at their home a \_\_\_\_\_ that money could not buy CO2K1  
a. fruits                      b. kindness                      c. care                      d. physical labour

**Part - B**

**3x6=18 Marks**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

**(Answer should not exceed 400 words)**

7. a. Discuss the themes of Walt Whitman's poem "When Lilacs last in the Dooryard Bloom'd"? CO2K2  
Or  
7. b. Analyze the message of Robert Frost's poem "Birches." CO3K4  
8. a. Explain the paradox in the poem "The Waking" CO3K3  
Or  
8. b. How and why was Emerson impressed by "Nature"? CO5K4  
9 .a. What are the five boons offered to the man? CO2K4  
Or  
9. b. Discuss the merits of Nathaniel Hawthorne as a short story writer CO5K2

**Part - C**

**3x12=36 Marks**

**Answer ALL the questions**

**(Answer should not exceed 800 words)**

10. a. Consider Emerson as an essayist CO1K5  
Or  
10.b. Is the visitor successful in achieving his destiny and building his monument in Hawthorne's story? CO3K4  
11. a. Analyse the short story "The Five Boons of Life" CO5K4  
Or  
11. b. Evaluate Frost as a nature poet with special reference to "Birches" CO4K5.  
Or  
12. a. Consider "When Lilacs last in the Dooryard Bloom'd" as an elegy CO4K5  
Or  
12. b. Critically analyse the poem "Because I could not Stop for Death" CO1K4

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Student Strength: ~~35~~ 28