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**Master's Degree Examination November - 2017
Semester - III**

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Class : II PG
Major: English

Marks : 60
Time: 3 Hours

12MENC15 American Literature

Part A

10X1/5= 5

Choose the following

1. In which year *Resistance to Civil Government* is first published in.....
a) 1849 b) 1851 c) 1854 d) 1858
2. The Fugitive Slave Act in
a) 1542 b) 1850 c) 1855 d) 1561
3. The poem *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd* is part of a series of pieces written after whose assassination.
a) Lincoln b) Joseph c) Gandhi d) Martin Luther King
4. In which aspect is the "Ars Poetica" is an amazing poem focusing on the world of.....
a) Prose b) Poetry c) Drama d) Criticism
5. Edward Albee, first play was written in....
a) 1948 b) 1958 c) 1968 1971
6. Peter is a wealthy publishing executive with a wife, two daughters, two cats, and two parakeets.
a) Jack b) Nancy c) Peter d) None of these
7. Who does not describe the speaker's oppression with the use of World War II Nazi Germany allusions and images?
a) Plath b) Emerson c) James Joyce d) Martin Luther King
8. Who said "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines."?
a) Plath b) Emerson c) James Joyce d) Martin Luther King
9. Who is Blanche Du Bois?
a) School Teacher b) Doctor c) School Clark d) Business man
10. The Nurse called as a
a) Matron b) Kowalski c) Rosa d) Magda

Part B

5X4=20

Answer all the questions

Answer should not exceed 200 words or one page

- 11.a] Define the word Civil according to the views of Henry David Thoreau.
(or)
11.b] How does Emerson's view on moral sentiment? Explain.
12. a] Give a short note on *Lady Lazarus* as a Allusions of World War II.
(or)
12.b] Explain the key elements Macleish uses in "Ars Poetica".
- 13.a] Give a short note according to Christopher Wallenberg views on *The Zoo Story*.
(or)
13.b] Write a note on Stella Kowalski.
14. a] Briefly explain Connor's style of writing in "The Shawl".
(or)
14.b] Write a characteristics features of Magda.
- 15.a] The role of Denis Eady in *Ethan Frome*.
(or)
15.b] Explain the idea of slavery's destruction of identity in *Beloved*.

Part C

5X7=35

Answer all the questions

Answer should not exceed 600 words or three pages

- 16.a] Write a critical essay on R.W. Emerson's Self Reliance.
(or)
16.b] Write an essay on Thoreau uses of narrative technique in *Civil Disobedience*.
- 17.a] Elaborate the theme and Robert Frost's notion in *The Road not Taken*.
(or)
17.b] Critically analyze Emily Dickinson's *I Felt a Funeral in my brain*.
18. a] Justify the title *A Streetcar Named Desire* with suitable evidences from the literature.
(or)
18.b] Write about the existence of symbolism in Edward Albee's *The Zoo Story*.
- 19.a] Critically analyse the theme in *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge*.
(or)
19.b] Justify the title Flannery O' Connor's *A Good Man is Hard to Find*.
- 20.a] Elucidate the magnitude of *Ethan Frome*.
(or)
20 .b] Critically analysze Tony Morrison's *Beloved* as a magnum opus.
