

**Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women
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Bachelor's Degree Examination- November 2018
V Semester**

**Class: III UG
Major: English**

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

15BENC14 – American literature

**PART – A
Choose the Correct Answer**

10x1=10

1. American poetry reached its peak after _____
a) World War II b) World War I c) World War III d) World War V
2. Who wrote the novel 'Farewell to Arms'?
a) James Baldwin b) William Faulkner
c) Ernest Hemingway d) Mark Twain
3. What is the literary form of the poem "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost?
a) Sonnet b) Blank verse c) Limerick d) Haiku
4. Plath's only novel is entitled _____
a) Ariel b) The Bell Jar c) Mob Dick d) The Colossus
5. Thoreau was influenced by _____
a) Mark Twain b) Emerson c) Hemingway d) Faulkner
6. Which Roman Philosopher quotes in his poem "Where I Lived and What I Lived For"
a) Kant b) Cato c) Aristotle d) Homer
7. 'Death of the salesman' was written and staged in _____
a) 1929 b) 1939 c) 1949 d) 1959
8. In the opening play of 'Death of the salesman' the music heard is from the instrument _____
a) Harp b) Flute c) Lyre d) violin
9. What kind of weather dominates the novel "A Farewell to Arms" _____
a) Sunny b) Foggy c) Rainy d) Snowy
10. "A Curtain of Green" was Eudora's first collection of _____
a) Short story b) Poem c) Drama d) Novel

PART – B

5x6=30

Answer the following

Answer should not exceed 400 words or two pages

11. a) Write the characteristics of American literature.
(Or)
11. b) Write a brief note on Ralph Waldo Emerson and mention his some major works.
12. a) How can Sylvia Plath's poem "Daddy" be described as an Elegy?
(Or)
12. b) According to the poet, what should be the aim of human life in the poem "a Psalm of Life"?
13. a) Explain the poetic lines of Thoreau's "Where I Lived and What I Live for"
Aim above mortality. Be not
Simply good, be good for something.
(Or)
13. b) Write the summary of the poem "Where I Lived and What I Live for".
14. a) How do Willy's parenting skills attack his sons?
(Or)
14. b) What is the symbolic significance of the main character's name in "Death of a Salesman"?
15. a) Explain the major conflicts in "A Farewell to Arms"
(Or)
15. b) Write a note on Eudora Welty.

PART – C

5x12=60

Answer the following

Answer should not exceed 800 words or four pages

16. a) Origin and development of American Literature
(Or)
16. b) How does Plath characterize or convey the character of the father in "Daddy"?
17. a) Define the message of "O Captain! My Captain!" and Explain in detail.
(Or)
17. b) What is the speaker's attitude towards the bird in "A Bird came down the wall"?
18. a) Explain the major theme of the poem "Where I Lived and What I Live for".
(Or)
18. b) Give the critical appreciation of the poem "Where I Lived and What I Live for".
19. a) Discuss Miller's views on the role of family in modern drama, with particular reference to "Death of a Salesman".
(Or)
19. b) What is the real tragedy in Lowman's family in "Death of a Salesman"?
20. a) Which characters die in "A Farewell to Arms" and how do they die?
(Or)
20. b) Write an essay on characterization of Welty's "A Curtain of Green"?
