

BA ENGLISH
FOURTH SEMESTER (REPEAT)
AMERICAN LITERATURE
BEN-402

**SET
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[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

(Objective)

Time: 30 mins.

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

1 × 20 = 20

- Who is Eliza's mother in Uncle Tom's Cabin?
 - Cassy
 - Mrs. Shelby
 - Mrs. Legree
 - Aunt Chloe
- Who popularized the term, American Dream?
 - Walt Whitman
 - Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - Henry James
 - James Truslow Adams
- The novel Moby Dick by Herman Melville is an epic tale of the voyage of the whaling ship called _____
 - Pequod
 - Starbuck
 - Tashtego
 - None of the preceding
- Which of the following is not quite a characteristic of American Transcendentalism?
 - Emphasis on search for sublimity in the commonplace
 - Emphasis on sordidness of being
 - Self-reliance
 - Non-conformism
- Which of the following philosophers does Thoreau mention in "Where I Lived, and What I Lived for"?
 - Cato
 - Lucretius
 - Plato
 - Tacitus
- The way Emerson sees it, one is a/an _____ who possesses the confident belief that what is true for oneself is true for all people.
 - Arrogant people
 - Genius
 - Cocksure person
 - Renegade
- What single piece of advice does Kate give Chris at the end of the play?
 - Love
 - Live
 - Peace
 - Happy
- What is the name of the beloved of the speaker in "The Raven"?
 - Pallas Athena
 - Lenore
 - Lucy
 - Raven
- According to Chris, who are the least practical people in the world?
 - People who fought at the war
 - People who are dead
 - People who believe in God
 - People who didn't fight at the war

10. Why does the speaker in the poem, "Song of Myself" say that "what I assume you shall assume..."?
- a. He boasts of his authority
 - b. He is the master of the world
 - c. He highlights on the oneness of humanity
 - d. He highlights on the variety of thoughts
11. When was the Fugitive Slave Act passed?
- a. 1784
 - b. 1841
 - c. 1850
 - d. 1857
12. In which state is the Shelby farm located?
- a. Tennessee
 - b. Kentucky
 - c. Alabama
 - d. Mississippi
13. Which character does Ishmael describe as "neither caterpillar nor butterfly"?
- a. Ahab
 - b. Moby Dick
 - c. Starbuck
 - d. Queequeg
14. The writings of which of the following personalities do not come under the Revolutionary Age of American Literature?
- a. James Madison
 - b. Thomas Paine
 - c. Thomas Jefferson
 - d. Anne Bradstreet
15. Which of the following statements holds true for Realism in American literature?
- a. It flourished during the early decades of the 20th century
 - b. It testifies for sentimentality
 - c. It is the polar opposite of Romanticism
 - d. It seeks to explore the place of Nature in the individual's spiritual growth
16. Thoreau moved into his dwelling in the woods by Walden Pond on:
- a. 07/05/1845
 - b. 07/07/1845
 - c. 07/01/1845
 - d. 07/04/1845
17. Moses, Plato and Milton had one thing in common, according to Emerson. They _____
- a. Were white male mavericks
 - b. Were men of God
 - c. Were rhetoricians per excellence
 - d. Were capable of transforming their inner truth to outer truth
18. What does the season of winter symbolize in the poem, "After Apple Picking"?
- a. Decay
 - b. Creative Dormancy
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
19. What does "myself" refer to in the poem "Song of Myself"?
- a. The self of the speaker
 - b. All the humanity
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a nor b
20. What draws the speaker further away from reality in the poem "The Raven"?
- a. The death of his beloved
 - b. The book that the reader reads
 - c. The scent of the beloved in the chair he sits
 - d. The repetition of "nevermore" by the Raven

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(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. a) What is the concept of the American Dream? 4+6=10
b) Can the play, *All My Sons*, be read as a play on the American Dream?
If yes then how elucidate your answer.
2. a) How is the role of imagination represented in the poem, "An Imaginary Iceberg"? 5+5=10
b) What can one understand from the concluding stanza of the poem?
3. a) With all the happy endings in the novel, why do you think Stowe has chosen to have Tom, the most beloved character, beaten to death? 4+6=10
b) How is Tom's death the epitome of selflessness and forgiveness?
4. a) The actions of non-human living entities are perhaps marked by a lack of consciousness regarding the far-reaching implications of those actions for humans. Would you agree? 1+9=10
b) Comment with reference to the novel *Moby Dick*.
5. a) Comment upon Thoreau's personality as assessed by you from your reading of "Where I Lived, and What I Lived for". 5+5=10
b) How do you think does the Emersonian notion of self-reliance play out in "Where I Lived, and What I Lived for"?
6. Write short notes on the following: 5+5=10
a) Dark Romanticism
b) Transcendentalism
7. Describe the character of Ishmael and Ahab from the novel, *Moby Dick*. 10
8. Write short notes on *any two* of the following: 5+5=10
a) The role of wealth and its accumulation in *All My Sons*
b) The symbol of the Raven in the poem, "The Raven"
c) The condition of the speaker in "After Apple Picking"
d) The theme of universal connection in "Song of Myself"

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