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**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023**

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 2C 07—AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Annotate any *two* of the following :

- 1 Living in the Borderlands means you fight hard to
resist the gold elixir beckoning from the bottle,
the pull of the gun barrel,
the rope crushing the hollow of your throat ;
- 2 Lo, soul, seest thou not God's purpose from the first ?
The earth to be spann'd, connected by network,
The races, neighbors, to marry and be given in marriage,
The oceans to be cross'd, the distant brought near,
- 3 'Where do you mean to go? First tell me that.
I'll follow and bring you back by force. *I will !—*'
- 4 Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there wondering, fearing,
Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before ;
But the silence was unbroken, and the stillness gave no token,
And the only word there spoken was the whispered word, "Lenore ?"

(2 × 2 = 4 weightage)

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II. Write short essays on any *two* of the following in 250 words :

- 5 Langston Hughes and the Harlem Renaissance.
- 6 Significance of Jadine's trip to Eloein in *Tar Baby*.
- 7 The narrative significant of *Dutchman's* title.
- 8 Transcendentalism and Self-reliance.

(2 × 3 = 6 weightage)

III. Write essays on any *four* of the following in 450 words choosing *one* at least from each section :

A

- 9 Justify the title of the play *The Glass Menagerie*.
- 10 O'Neill's *The Emperor Jones* straddles the line between realism and expressionism- Discuss

B

- 11 Highlight the salient features of American confessional poetry with reference to the poems prescribed for study.
- 12 "Whitman's poem links ancient religions and modern technology, God and engineering"- Elaborate this statement with respect to his "A Passage to India."

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- 13 How does Faulkner present the degeneration of the Compson family in *The Sound and the Fury*.
- 14 Examine the theme of racism and slavery in *Huckleberry Finn*.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)

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1. This Question Paper carries Multiple Choice Questions from 1 to 20.
2. The candidate should check that the question paper supplied to him/her contains all the 20 questions in serial order.
3. Each question is provided with choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) having one correct answer. Choose the correct answer and enter it in the main answer-book.
4. The MCQ question paper will be supplied after the completion of the descriptive examination.

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(Multiple Choice Questions for SDE Candidates)

1. What is the name of the “rare and radiant maiden” for whom the author mourns in “The Raven” ?
(A) Annebelle. (B) Lenore.
(C) Pluto. (D) Lydia.
2. In what year was the first edition of “Leaves of Grass” published ?
(A) 1872. (B) 1892.
(C) 1860. (D) 1855.
3. How did Dickinson intend for the light to be viewed in “There is a certain slant of Light” ?
(A) Oppressive. (B) Welcoming.
(C) Enchanting. (D) Cold.
4. Who makes the ice cream in “The Emperor of Ice Cream” ?
(A) The Mother. (B) The Speaker.
(C) The Roller of Big Cigars. (D) The Newspaper Boys.
5. What kind of light does the speaker ask for in the penultimate line of “The Emperor of Ice Cream” ?
(A) The Lit Candles.
(B) The Kitchen Light.
(C) The Sunlight through the Window.
(D) The Lamp Beam.
6. What colour is the stallion in “Buffalo Bill's defunct” ?
(A) Red. (B) Black.
(C) Silver. (D) White.
7. What is the speaker referring to when he says “I am the darker brother” in “I, Too” ?
(A) His family role. (B) His troubled past.
(C) His skin colour (D) His angry mood.

8. Colonel Shaw served in which war in "For the Union Dead" ?
- (A) World War I. (B) World War II.
(C) The Vietnam War. (D) The Civil War.
9. What is St. Gauden's relief made of in "For the Union Dead"?
- (A) Stone (B) Copper.
(C) Marble. (D) Bronze.
10. Ginsberg's vision of America in "America" is inspired from ?
- (A) Walt Whitman. (B) Ralph Waldo Emerson.
(C) Robert Frost. (D) Edgar Allan Poe.
11. In his essay, "Self-Reliance" Emerson likens self-esteem with what ?
- (A) The Ego. (B) Nature.
(C) A Child. (D) A Psalm.
12. What is society compared to in "Self Reliance" ?
- (A) Chaos. (B) Joint-stock company.
(C) Conspiracy. (D) Nothing.
13. Why do people not trust themselves as mentioned in "Self Reliance" ?
- (A) They've never had a pure thought.
(B) Societal disapproval and foolish consistency.
(C) Fear of failure.
(D) They are separated from nature.
14. What is Ishmael's reason for signing up for a whaling voyage ?
- (A) He Wishes to Study Cetology.
(B) He Has Debts That He Must Quickly Repay.
(C) He Has Lost His Wife and Has No Reason to Stay On Land.
(D) He Thinks That Going to Sea Provides Fresh Exercise.

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15. What does Ahab promise to whoever first spots Moby Dick ?
- (A) Use of His Cabin. (B) An Antique Harpoon.
(C) A Share of the Pequod's Profits. (D) A Gold Doubloon.
16. The river best serves as a symbol of which of the following in Huckleberry Finn ?
- (A) Equality. (B) Slavery.
(C) Freedom. (D) Commerce.
17. The entire Quentin section in *The Sound and the Fury* is told over a period of :
- (A) A Christmas vacation from his studies at Harvard.
(B) An unspecified block of years.
(C) One day.
(D) The year before Caddy's marriage.
18. What did Jones tell his subjects was the only thing that could kill him in *Emperor Jones* ?
- (A) A Silver Bullet. (B) Poison.
(C) A Knife. (D) An Arrow.
19. Jim O'Connor voices the opinion that :
- (A) Amanda is an inconsiderate hostess.
(B) Laura should see a psychoanalyst.
(C) Someone should kiss Laura.
(D) Tom should stop going to so many movies.
20. Lula, in "Dutchman", calls Clay "my _____".
- (A) Hero. (B) Christ.
(C) Lover. (D) Saviour.