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N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS): POLLACHI

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: JULY 2022

MA ENGLISH LITERATURE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 70

SEMESTER : II

TIME : 3 HOURS

AMERICAN LITERATURE – I

SECTION - A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

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1. What bird takes its flight across the Brooklyn Bridge and towards the Statue of Liberty?  
a. A vulture                      b. A sea gull                      c. A dove                      d. A peacock
2. Emerson says, the scholar must endure poverty, hardship, tedium, solitude, and other privations while following the path of \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Acquiring wealth      b. knowledge                      c. Health                      d. Peace
3. After the loss of her \_\_\_\_\_ to creditors, Blanche DuBois travels from the small town of Laurel, Mississippi, to the New Orleans French Quarter .  
a. family home                      b. car                      c. daughter                      d. cat
4. Montresor and Fortunato walk into a crypt, where \_\_\_\_\_ decorate three of the four walls.  
a. human bones                      b. paintings                      c. animal skin                      d. shells
5. In “The Portrait of a Lady”, which subject is considered to be the subject of beggar, as said by the grandmother?  
a. music                      b. philosophy                      c. history                      d. dance

ANSWER THE GIVEN QUESTIONS IN ONE OR TWO SENTENCES:-

6. Explain the metaphor about military conflict, used by Emily Dickinson in “*Success is Counted Sweetest*”.
7. What is the sole function, that is expected of an American scholar?
8. What is the profession of Shep Huntleigh in Texas?
9. What kind of clown is Fortunato?
10. What drives Huck to stage his own death in Chapter 7 of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*?

SECTION – B

(5 X 4 = 20 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (A) OR (B) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

11. a) Interpret the poem “A Hand-Mirror” with the theme of youth versus old age.

(OR)

- b) Why does America sing a joyous note, as said by Walt Whitman?

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12. a) How should the American Scholar differentiate himself from the European intellectual?

(OR)

b) To what does Thoreau compare the fight between the red ants and the white ants?

13. a) What is the purpose of Blanche's visit to New Orleans?

(OR)

b) What is the cause of Mitch's rejection of Blanche?

14. a) How did Montresor decide to take revenge on Fortunato?

(OR)

b) Montresor gives Fortunato several hints as to what he is planning as they travel through the catacombs. What are these hints?

15. a) Why does Widow Douglas refer to Huck as a "poor lost lamb" in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*?

(OR)

b) Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grandmother in *The Portrait of a Lady*

### SECTION - C

(4 X 10 = 40 MARKS)

**ANSWER ANY FOUR OUT OF SIX QUESTIONS:-**

**(16<sup>TH</sup> QUESTION IS COMPULSORY AND ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS (FROM QN. NO : 17 TO 21))**

16. Examine the universal themes that have been handled by Emily Dickinson in her poems.

17. Enumerate the duties, prescribed by Emerson in "The American Scholar"?

18. Appraise the conclusion that Thoreau arrives at by describing the war between the two groups of ants?

19. Analyse why Blanche du Bois is considered a victim in "A Streetcar Named Desire"

20. Discuss in detail major themes of "The Cask of Amontillado"?

21. Discuss the qualities Huck possesses, which are necessary for survival on the frontier. Give specific examples from the novel.

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