

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

25PEL207

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 20 ONLY)

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

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS : MAY 2026

M.A ENGLISH LITERATURE

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER-II

TIME : 3 HOURS

25PEL207 -AMERICAN LITERATURE

SECTION – A

(10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. Which of the following best describes Crane's depiction of the Brooklyn Bridge?

- a) A cold, mechanical structure b) A temporary, flimsy pathway
- c) A spiritual, divine, and unifying entity d) A dangerous, cursed object

2. According to Williams, what is the primary role of the poet?

- a) To tell a moral story. b) To follow traditional rhyme schemes.
- c) To use complex metaphors. d) To create new forms from everyday reality.

3. Which character is revealed to have murdered the child in "Buried Child"?

- a) Dodge b) Tilden c) Halie d) Bradley

4. Why does Montresor decide to seek revenge against Fortunato?

- a) Fortunato stole his fortune. b) Fortunato insulted him, according to Montresor.
- c) Fortunato stole his wife. d) Fortunato killed his brother.

5. What did Amabelle's family cross the river to buy on the day they were killed?

- a) A stove b) Vegetables c) Healing herbs d) A cooking pot

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES

6. Why does the caged bird sing?

7. How does Emerson define "Man Thinking"?

8. How does Stanley learn about Blanche's past?

9. Why does Chunk need the powder from Ikey?

10. Why does Jim run away from Miss Watson?

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SECTION – B

(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- 11.a) How does Dickinson use imagery to symbolize the bird's superiority over the human observer in "A Bird came down the Walk"? **(OR)**
 b) How does Angelou use the extended metaphor of the free and caged birds to represent the concepts of liberty and oppression?
- 12.a) How does Thoreau's "The Battle of the Ants" serve as a satirical, allegorical critique of human warfare? **(OR)**
 b) In what extent William Carlos Williams' "A Note on Poetry," focusing on different aspects of his poetics?
- 13.a) Comment on the significance of the title, "A Streetcar Named Desire". **(Or)**
 b) How does the character of Shelly, as an outsider, function to highlight the insanity and dysfunction of the family?
- 14.a) How does Poe use irony to build suspense throughout the story "The Cask of Amontillado"? **(Or)**
 b) Discuss the significance of the discarded flowerpot that Elisa sees on the road in "The Chrysanthemums".
- 15.a) Compare and contrast Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer. **(Or)**
 b) Discuss how the structure of "The Farming of Bones" mirrors the chaotic nature of the massacre.

SECTION – C

(5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)

ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

- 16.a) How does the poem "I Hear America Singing" balance the unique, individual contribution of each worker with the collective "singing" of the nation? **(Or)**
 b) In what way Ezra Pound's "An Immorality," offers a unique perspective on morality and human values?
17. a) How does Emerson's "The American Scholar" reflect the themes of self-reliance and individual autonomy in society? **(Or)**
 b) In what extent Faulkner's speech focus on the importance of timeless human values and the writer's responsibility?
- 18.a) Give an account on the conflict between Blanche and Stanley in "A Street car Named Desire". **(Or)**
 b) How does "Buried Child" critique the traditional American Dream through its portrayal of a decaying rural family and their blighted farm?
- 19.a) In what ways does Hawthorne use the characters of Goody Cloyse, Deacon Gookin, and the minister to critique Puritan hypocrisy and strict religious adherence? **(Or)**
 b) Explore the ethical implications of Ikey's decision to prepare a love powder. What does this suggest about his character and his view of love?
- 20.a) Analyze Jim's development from a stereotypical character into a noble, emotional father figure. **(Or)**
 b) Compare and contrast the experiences of Amabelle Desir and Señora Valencia in "The Farming of Bones"?