

SECTION A**(Marks: 10*1.5= 15)**

Choose the correct option:

Q1. What was Edgar Allan Poe's first book titled?

- a) Tales of Grotesque and Arabesque
- b) Messenger
- c) The MS. Found in a Bottle
- d) Tamerlane and Other Poems

Q2. One character epitomizes success and lost chances for Willy: this character says "The jungle is dark but full of diamonds." Who is it? (*Death of a Salesman*)

- a) Charley, whose hard business sense Willy admires.
- b) Biff, who "threw his life away for spite."
- c) Hap, who intends to succeed as Willy never could.
- d) Ben, who offered Willy opportunities outside the city

Q3. Why does Willy need to borrow money from Charley? (*Death of a Salesman*)

- a) He has bills to pay
- b) He has no money to buy Linda a birthday present
- c) He cannot afford his next car payment
- d) He cannot afford his insurance premium

Q4. Emily Dickinson sent her poetry for consideration of publication only to Thomas Wentworth Higginson, the poetry editor of:

- a) The Atlantic Monthly
- b) The Harvard review
- c) The Philadelphia Inquire
- d) The Amherst Academy

Q5. Which is regarded as America's "Declaration of Intellectual Independence"?

- a) The American Scholar
- b) English Traits
- c) Civil Disobedience
- d) Representative Men

Q6. What does Huck think about religion -- specifically the good place, the bad place and prayer? (*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*)

- a) He wants to go to the "good place" and stay away from the "bad place" but he doesn't believe in prayer
- b) He wants to go to the "bad place" and stay away from the "good place" and he prays often
- c) He wants to go to the "bad place" because the "good place" would be boring but he prays often.
- d) He wants to go to the "bad place" because the "good place" would be boring. He doesn't believe in prayer

Q7. Mark Twain created, in _____, a masterpiece of American realism that is also one of the great books of world literature:

- a) *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
- b) *Tom Sawyer*
- c) *The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg*
- d) *The Gilded Age*

Q8. The poem "Mending Wall" is thought to have been inspired by the years Robert Frost spent as a poultry farmer in Derry, New Hampshire. Where did he live when he wrote the poem?

- a) Ripton, Vermont
- b) Amherst, Massachusetts
- c) Dymock, Gloucestershire
- d) South Shafstbury, Vermont

Q9. Which best describes the relationship between Harpo and Sophia? (*The Colour Purple*)

- a) Sophia is subservient and feels second to her husband
- b) Sophia is strong willed and opinionated in her relationship with her husband
- c) Sophia and Harpo are very shy and they don't really interact with each other
- d) Sophia and Harpo have a very calm and simple relationship

Q10. What bothers Celie about her father's new wife? (*The Colour Purple*)

- a) She is not religious.
- b) She has a shrieking voice.
- c) She is physically affectionate.
- d) She is not a good cook.

SECTION B

(Marks: 5*8=40)

Answer the following in about 150-200 words.

Q1. What are a scholar's duties and how does he cope with them according to Emerson in "The American Scholar"?

OR

What moments do you find most compelling in advancing the speaker's argument? Explain what makes them compelling. ('Am't I a Woman?')

Q2. Offer detailed arguments for the varying interpretations of "Because I Could not Stop for Death".

OR

How does the speaker create a sense of unity throughout the poem? How does this contribute to our understanding of death in the poem? ('When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed')

Q3. How does the river Mississippi play an important part of the plot in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*? Discuss the use of the river as a symbol in the novel.

OR

Compare and contrast realism and romanticism in the novel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Q4. How do Nettie's letters differ from Celie's? How are they the same?

OR

In Letter 68, Shug is insistent that Celie come to Memphis with her. Why is Celie so confused and shocked? Why does she feel released from her life with Mr. _____?

Q5. Willy and Biff have different explanations for Biff's failure to succeed in the business world. How are their explanations different?

OR

Compare and contrast Willy's conflicting images of Biff. Why does he defend him and criticise him?

SECTION C

(Marks: 3*15=45)

Answer any three of the following questions in about 350-400 words.

Q1. Emerson's evocation of "self-trust" is a statement of one of the defining characteristics of Transcendentalism. What are the rhetorical features that reveal these views in his essay? Elaborate your answer quoting relevantly from the text.

Q2. Frost once defined poetry as "saying one thing and meaning another." Discuss this idea with reference to the poems you have read.

Q3. Analyze and trace the moral maturation of Huck Finn. Discuss the events that disgusted and depressed him and the coping skills that he learns to survive.

Q4. Gender roles and sexist behaviour are two key themes in Alice Walker's *The Colour Purple*. In the light of this statement, site valid examples from the text in support of your answer.

Q5. Some reviewers believe that the play *Death of a Salesman* is a criticism of capitalism and the American way of life. Discuss your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with them. What are the social implications of the play?