

Department of English

Question Bank

Subject: American Literature-1

Subcode:EN306T

2 marks:

- 1.What does the catch phrase 'trust thyself 'mean?
- 2.'Tis some visitor I muttered'-Annotate.
- 3.What is the significance of the line 'And miles to go before I sleep'?
- 4.Comment on the character of Tom Sawyer.
- 5.Where does the ability of the American scholar lie?
- 6.How long did Thoreau stay in Walden?
- 7.What is the theme of "Stopping by woods on a snowy evening".
- 8.What is the theme of "Glass Menagerie"?
- 9.What does Thoreau advocate in "Where I lived and what I lived for"?
- 10.What is Tennessee Williams philosophy in "The Glass Menagerie"?
- 11.List any two Adventures of Tom Sawyer?
- 12.What does Whitman highlight in the poem 'On the beach at night'?
- 13.What is the moral preached in the poem 'Stopping by woods on a snowy evening'?
- 14.Why does Thoreau want to go to Walden?
- 15.What does Laura do in the play 'The Glass Menagerie'.
- 16.Who is Chillingworth ?
- 17.Who is Pearl's father?
- 18.How does Dimmesdale punish himself?
- 19.How does Hester support herself financially?
- 20.How does Pearl become wealthy?
- 21.'The woods are lovely ,dark and deep

But I have promises to keep'-Annotate.

22. Why did the poet's horse shake his harness bell?
23. What is Emerson's Brahma about ?
24. What is the overall theme of Brahma?
25. Who can find home of God?
26. Who are the scared seven?
27. What are the opposite notions mentioned in the poem Brahma?
28. What does Emerson stress in the poem 'Brahma'?
29. Who were standing on the beach at night?
30. What did the child see in the Eastern sky?
31. What is more immortal even than the stars?
32. Why was the lover lamenting in the poem 'The Raven'?
33. Why does the bird say 'nevermore' in the poem "The Raven"?
34. What psychological truth does the poem "The Raven" present?
35. Who is haunting the lover in the poem ?
36. Why does the Raven come to the speaker?
37. On what does the Raven perch ?What is the only word it speaks?
38. What was Laura actually doing during the hours she was supposed to be on school?
39. Why did Jim call Laura 'Blue roses'?
40. Who is the most suffering character in 'The Glass Menagerie'?
41. Name the characters in the play 'The Glass Menagerie'?

5 marks:

1. Elucidate the happy and confident mood of Whitman from 'On the beach at night'.
2. Write about the symbolic significance of the poem 'The Raven'.

3. Stopping by woods is about life and death –discuss.
4. Give the account of the characters of ‘The American Scholar’.
5. Discuss Dickinson’s philosophy of life .
6. What is the role played by Amanda in “The Glass Menagerie”.
7. What does Emerson want Americans to do?
8. Why did Thoreau sojourn at the Walden pond?
9. What is Emerson’s message in Brahma .
10. Explain the final scene of “The Glass Menagerie”.
11. Sketch the character of Hester?
12. Sketch the character of Dimmesdale?
13. Sketch the character of Pearl?
14. How does Emerson express the continuity of life ?
15. What are the qualities of universal spirit Brahma?
16. How does Brahma transcend everything?
17. How did the father console his child?
18. Discuss the theme of the poem ‘On the beach at night’
19. What are the themes in the poem “The Raven”?
20. What according to Emerson are the duties of a scholar?
21. What does Emerson say about man thinking?
22. Why is past essential to a scholar?
23. What does Emerson mean by degradation of specialization?
24. What is the definition of a good scholar?
25. What is the central theme of Emerson essay ‘The American Scholar’
26. What does Thoreau say about Simplicity?
27. ‘Every morning was a cheerful invitation....’ Explain with reference to -Where I lived and What I lived for.
28. What lesson does the poem “Stopping by woods on a snowy evening “teach us.
29. What is the theme of the poem “You shall above all things be glad and young”.

10marks:

1. Comment on the significance of the poem “on the beach at night”
2. Bring out a symbolism in the poem” Stopping by woods on a snowy evening”.
3. Analyse how the theme of a beautiful women’s death highlighted in “The Raven”?
4. Critically summarize Emerson’s view of the Americans scholar?
5. Bring out the philosophy in Emerson Brahma?
6. The play “The Glass Menagerie’ is about appearance vs. reality – discuss.
7. Narrate The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.
8. Write an essay an expressionism in “The Glass Menagerie”
9. Explain Thoreau’s meaning of simple life?
10. How does Poe portray the bereaved lover in the poem “The Raven”
11. Write a critical appreciation of the poem ‘I taste a liquor never bereaved’
12. Why is The American Scholar called “our intellectual declaration of independence”
13. Justify the title of the play “The Glass Menagerie”.
14. Bring out the humor in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer?
15. Discuss the relationship between the Scarlet letter and Hester’s identity?
16. Decribe Chillingworth revenge?
17. Write down the summary of the poem Brahma?
18. Justify Walt Whitman as a transcendentalist poet?
19. Describe the mysterious nature of the Raven in poe’s poem ”The Raven” .
20. How does the poem The Raven demonstrate the theme of mystery?
21. Wrt e down the summary of “The American Scholar”.
22. Describe the characters of The American Scholar.
23. Critically analyse The American Scholar.

24. Critically analyse the play *The Glass Menagerie*.
25. Summarize Thoreau's "where I lived and what I lived for".
26. Consider Robert Frost as a poet of nature?
27. Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Stopping by woods on a snowy evening'?
28. Critically appreciate "You shall above all things be glad and young".

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