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**B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2025**

**SEMESTER 6 : ENGLISH (COPY EDITOR)**

**COURSE : 19U6CRENG14 : AMERICAN LITERATURE**

*(For Regular 2022 Admission and Supplementary 2021/2020/2019 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

**PART A**

**Answer All (1 mark each)**

1. Recall an instance of irony in the poem, "Miniver Cheevy".
2. According to DeLillo, what enables Americans to call themselves the only superpower on the planet?
3. Who is the author of the poem, 'I, too, sing America'?
4. "I wake to sleep" Identify the figure of speech.
5. What is typical of 'O Henry endings'?
6. Define a parable.
7. Define imperialism.
8. What is mother's advice to Dot about doing her nails?
9. Why does the young man call Dorothy a 'horticultural fascist'?
10. What was then name of the political party founded by Nkrumah?

**(1 x 10 = 10)**

**PART B**

**Answer any 8 (2 marks each)**

11. Why did Grandma decide to visit the family without any warning in 'Never on Wednesday'?
12. How did Josephine and Richards try to break the bad news to Mrs Mallard gently?
13. What will 'they' eventually realize and what will 'they' feel, in 'I, too, sing America'?
14. How did Nkrumah get out of prison?
15. What do the magnified apples in the dream of the poet signify?
16. Compare and contrast the temperaments of Mary and Margaret.
17. How does the older waiter respond to the younger waiter's statement 'You have everything I have'?
18. Who are the principal characters in 'Never on Wednesday'?
19. What does Fred's siblings think is the reason that he needs to use the car?
20. When did the British rule over the Gold Coast start and when did it come to an end?

**(2 x 8 = 16)**

**PART C**

**Answer any 5 (5 marks each)**

21. List and explain the adjectives used to describe the returning ship in 'O Captain! my Captain!'.
22. Comment on the symbols in the play " Case of the Crushed Petunias".
23. How does Martin Luther King Jr describe the night on which the old parliament of the Gold Coast was closed?

24. Describe the events of the eighth night when the narrator of 'The Tell Tale Heart' entered the old man's room.
25. "The Five Boons of Life" is more than a fairy story. Justify.
26. How does the terrorist continue to harbour hatred even after spending years in the country and among the people that he wants to target?
27. What does the rare use of capitalization in the poem "My Sweet Old Etcetera" suggest?  
(5 x 5 = 25)

**PART D**

**Answer any 2 (12 marks each)**

28. What does DeLillo mean when he says that "a few men have literally altered our skyline" and "we have fallen back in time and space"?
29. "Hawthorne is trying to suspend us between actuality and dream." Explain.
30. Critically examine the themes of the poem, "Miniver Cheevy"
31. How do the conveniences and advancements of modern life, including the promise of constant connectivity fail in the case of Mrs. Stevenson in 'Sorry, Wrong Number'?  
(12 x 2 = 24)