

B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2026**SEMESTER 6 : ENGLISH (COPY EDITOR)****COURSE : 19U6CRENG14 : AMERICAN LITERATURE***(For Regular 2023 Admission and Supplementary 2022/2021/2020 /2019 Admissions)*

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART A**Answer All (1 mark each)**

1. What does the two-pointed ladder signify?
2. What does the speaker in the poem "My Sweet Old Etcetera" intimately dream of?
3. Which story does Martin Luther King Jr refer to as the first story of man's quest for freedom?
4. Who authored the play "The Case of the Crushed Petunias"?
5. What was the gift that the youth chose first?
6. What is being satirized in "The Battle of Ants"?
7. What, according to Emerson, is the office of art?
8. "Miniver scorned the gold he sought." Identify the figure of speech in the line.
9. From which perspective is 'The Tell Tale Heart' narrated?
10. Name the hospital that Mrs. Stevenson calls.

(1 x 10 = 10)**PART B****Answer any 8 (2 marks each)**

11. What does Martin Luther King Jr note about the exploitation of Africa?
12. Who might be the client who hired George to kill Mrs. Stevenson? Justify your answer.
13. Who are the principal characters in 'Never on Wednesday'?
14. What does Emerson mean when he says that man is nature's eclecticism?
15. Comment on the attitude of the two women to each other in the story, "The Wives of the Dead".
16. What does the old man request the younger waiter? How does the young waiter respond?
17. According to the poet of 'America' what kind of feelings will he NOT harbour as he confronts America?
18. What is the reason the narrator of 'The Tell Tale Heart' gives for wanting to kill the old man?
19. How does the poet attempt to revive the captain?
20. How does the police sergeant dismiss Mrs. Stevenson's request to sent a radio car to her neighbourhood?

(2 x 8 = 16)**PART C****Answer any 5 (5 marks each)**

21. "Soul is progressive." Comment critically on Emerson's views to illustarte the statement.
22. What excuses did the children come up with when Mother asked them for help with the dishes, in 'Never on Wednesday'?

23. Mrs. Mallard is described as a young woman “with a fair, calm face, whose lines bespoke repression and even a certain strength.” What do you think Mrs. Mallard has repressed during her marriage? In what ways might she be strong?
24. Examine the metre and/or rhyme scheme (if any) used in the poem, 'A Bird Came Down the Walk'.
25. Comment on the contrast between war and practical life as portrayed in the poem "My Sweet Old Etcetera".
26. How does DeLillo observe the large and small disturbances 9/11 has caused in the flow of ordinary life?
27. Comment on the play of light and darkness in the story "The Wives of the Dead"
(5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

28. Comment on the brave new world that the young man opens up before Dorothy.
29. Critically examine "My Sweet Old Etcetera" as the reminiscence of a soldier.
30. Critically evaluate the significance of the title, "The Battle of Ants".
31. How does 'The Story of an Hour' convey the importance of 'freedom'?
(12 x 2 = 24)