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B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2026

SEMESTER 6 : ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE MODEL I

COURSE : 19U6CRENL13 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

(For Regular 2023 Admission and Supplementary 2022/ 2021 /2020 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART A

Answer All (1 mark each)

1. What is meant by the 'first wants' in Emerson's Gifts?
2. What are witch trials? Why are they undertaken in the *The Crucible*?
3. Describe Robin as he arrives in Massachusetts.
4. In what way does Robin meet Major Molineux?
5. What is the significance of Link Deas?
6. What is meant by 'organised hills'?
7. Why does Scout tell Uncle Jack that he is being unfair?
8. '...with a headache, self-conscious looking at the full moon'. What do these words suggest?
9. Why does Baldwin mention the Basque countries?
10. Why does nobody get a doctor to take a look at Mayella after the 'crime'?

(1 x 10 = 10)

PART B

Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

11. How are the Cunninghams different from the Ewells?
12. Why should we not give anything to a magnanimous person?
13. What meanings do the words 'possibility' and 'prose' suggest when set in contrast with each other?
14. Enumerate modern American poets and their peculiar style of writing.
15. Why does Danforth not believe in John Proctor's affair?
16. What reason does the new editor give for not revealing his ignorance about agriculture?
17. How is 'Yellow Woman' a retelling of an ancient myth?
18. Why doesn't John Proctor attend church often?
19. How do you know that Boo Radley came out when Maudie Atkinson's house burned down?
20. Comment on the use of changing voices in the poem 'Let America Be America Again.'

(2 x 8 = 16)

PART C

Answer any 5 (5 marks each)

21. Analyse 'Love and a Question' as a tale of uncertainty of our existence.
22. Write a short note on modernism in America.
23. Explain the historical background of 'My Kinsman, Major Molineux'.
24. Describe the scene in the garden. What is its effect on Mrs. Baroda?
25. Describe the two deaths that follow the trial. How are they tragic?

26. What is the significance of the title 'The Crucible'?
27. Attempt a detailed analysis of the extended metaphor in the poem 'I dwell in Possibility'.
(5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

28. Examine how the poem 'I Hear America Singing' presents a reconciliation between the assertion of individual freedom and the urge for togetherness.
29. Write an essay on the tendencies in American Literature in the twentieth century.
30. Analyse 'To Kill a Mockinbird' as a story of childhood. How does Harper Lee discuss serious themes like racism using the children's point of view?
31. Analyse the combination of humour and irony in 'How I Edited an Agricultural Paper'.
(12 x 2 = 24)