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S.Y.B.A. (Sem. IV) Examination October - 2025
American Literature (Paper : 9)
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સૂચના : / Instructions

- (1) ઉપરોક્ત દર્શાવેલ વિગતો ઉત્તરવહી પર અવશ્ય લખવી.
Fill up strictly the above details on your answer book
- (2) Indicate your options clearly.
- (3) Figures to the right indicate marks.

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Q-1.
Select the correct option from the following.
(10)

- (1) Which among the following was written by Washington Irving?
(A) The Purloined Letter (B) Rip Van Winkle
(C) Portrait of a Lady (D) The Sound and the Fury
- (2) Who is the writer of 'Walden'?
(A) Arthur Miller (B) Saul Bellow
(C) Thoreau (D) John Steinbeck
- (3) Who penned 'Death of a Salesman'?
(A) Arthur Miller (B) Edward Albee
(C) Thoreau (D) William Faulkner
- (4) Which famous novel, employing stream of consciousness technique, was written by-William Faulkner?
(A) Moby Dick (B) The Great Gatsby
(C) The Sound and the Fury (D) Beloved
- (5) Which of the following play is written by Tennessee Williams?
(A) Death of a Salesman (B) The Crucible
(C) Emperor Jones (D) A Street Car Named Desire
- (6) 'The Zoo story' is a one act play by
(A) Arthur Miller (B) Edward Albee
(C) Thoreau (D) John Steinbeck
- (7) Who is credited to have written 'The Colour Purple'?
(A) Thomas Pynchon (B) Erica Jong
(C) Alice Walker (D) Tony Morrison
- (8) Whose famous work is 'The Bluest Eye'?
(A) Tony Morrison (B) Saul Bellow
(C) Johnupdike (D) John Steinbeck
- (9) 'Beloved', a novel exploring themes of slavery and its effects, was written by-
(A) Tony Morrison (B) Saul Bellow
(C) Joseph Heller (D) Ayn Rand
- (10) Whose masterpiece is 'The Fountainhead'?
(A) Wallace Stevens (B) Bernard Malamund
(Q) Ayn Rand (D) John Steinbeck

Q-2. (A) “Billy Budd reflects cultural anxieties about authority and conformity.” (14)
- Discuss.

OR

(B) Draw a character sketch of Billy Budd.

Q-3. (A) “The play presents a complex psychological portrait of a man who believes in his invincibility, only to discover that his fears and guilt are far more powerful than any authority he claims to hold.” - Discuss this statement with the special reference to the character of Brutus Jones in ‘The Emperor Jones’. (14)

OR

(B) “The Emperor Jones is a powerful exploration of the intersection of power, fear and madness. It shows O’Neil’s extraordinary skill in blending naturalism with symbolic, almost surreal elements to depict a man’s descent into chaos.”- Discuss.

Q-4. (A) In Daddy, Plath brings us face to face with the most difficult kind of grief-the one that mixes rage and love, the one that has a feeling of finality to it. It’s a brutal poem, in both content and execution, but it captures the unrelenting fury of loss.” (12)

OR

(B) “In A Bird Came Down the Walk, Dickinson masterfully blends the ordinary with the extraordinary, using a simple moment – a bird’s interaction with nature-as a profound reflection of the human experience.”
