

RAN-2401000106020514**B.A. (Non NEP) (Sem. - VI) Examination March - 2026****English - XX : American literature****Time: 2 Hours]****[Total Marks: 50****સૂચના : / Instructions**

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

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Q.1. Choose the correct answer of the following questions from the given options: (10)

- Who wrote *Rip Van Winkle*?
a) Nathaniel Hawthorne b) Washington Irving
c) Mark Twain d) Herman Melville
- The Scarlet Letter* is written by _____.
a) Edgar Allan Poe b) Herman Melville
c) Nathaniel Hawthorne d) Henry James
- The American Scholar* is an essay by _____.
a) Henry David Thoreau b) Walt Whitman
c) R. W. Emerson d) Edgar Allan Poe
- Which novel is written by F. Scott Fitzgerald?
a) *The Sound and the Fury* b) *A Farewell to Arms*
c) *Moby-Dick* d) *The Great Gatsby*
- Who is the author of *The Grapes of Wrath*?
a) John Steinbeck b) Saul Bellow
c) Norman Mailer d) Thomas Pynchon
- Invisible Man* is written by _____.
a) Richard Wright b) Ralph Ellison
c) Toni Morrison d) Alice Walker
- Which pair is correctly matched?
a) Ernest Hemingway — *The Old Man and the Sea*
b) Arthur Miller — *The Zoo Story*
c) William Faulkner — *The Great Gatsby*
d) Tennessee Williams — *Death of a Salesman*
- Which pair is NOT correctly matched?
a) Jack London — *The Iron Heel*
b) Ayn Rand — *The Fountainhead*
c) Joseph Heller — *Slaughterhouse-Five*
d) Leslie Silko — *Ceremony*
- The Emperor Jones* is written by _____.
a) R. W. Emerson b) Walt Whitman
c) Henry James d) Eugene O'Neill
- Maggie* is written by _____.
a) Theodore Dreiser b) Stephen Crane
c) Bernard Malamud d) John Updike

Q.2.(A) Analyse Thoreau's critique of routine and mechanical existence. In what ways does he propose an alternative mode of living in *Walden*? (13)

OR

(B) Thoreau writes in *Walden*, "I never found the companion that was so companionable as solitude." Discuss the deeper meaning of this statement in the context of his transcendental philosophy and his desire for self-reliance.

Q.3(A) Analyse Santiago as a representation of the 'code hero' in Hemingway's philosophy (13)

OR

(B) "A man can be destroyed but not defeated," declares Santiago in *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. Critically examine this statement in the light of the novella's ending.

Q.4 (A) Write a short note on ANY ONE of the following: (07)

1. Walden Pond as the symbol of purity and clarity
2. Thoreau's critique of material progress

(B) Write a short note on ANY ONE of the following: (07)

1. Idea of Heroism and Moral Victory in *Old Man and the Sea*
2. Symbolic significance of the marlin