

**PARUL UNIVERSITY**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**B.A Winter 2019 – 20 Examination**

**Semester: 5**  
**Subject Code: 15193330**  
**Subject Name: American Literature**

**Date: 28/11/2019**  
**Time: 2:00pm to 4:30pm**  
**Total Marks: 60**

**Instructions:**

1. All questions are compulsory.
2. Figures to the right indicate full marks.
3. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
4. Start new question on new page.

**Q.1 Do as directed.****(08)****A. Multiple choice type questions. (Each of 0.5 mark)**

**1. In 1836, Who started an influential movement known as ‘Transcendentalism’?**

- (a) Edgar Allan Poe                      (c) Walt Whitman  
 (b) Ralph Waldo Emerson              (d) Thomas Paine

**2. Who wrote the book known as ‘Walden’?**

- (a) Nathaniel Hawthorne              (c) Benjamin Franklin  
 (b) Emily Dickinson                      (d) Henry David Thoreau

**3. What is ‘American Literature’?**

- (a) Literature written or produced in the U.S. and its preceding colonies  
 (b) Literature written or produced in the U.K. and its preceding colonies  
 (c) Literature written or produced in the Europe and its preceding colonies  
 (d) Literature written or produced in the America and its preceding colonies

**4. Which word best identifies the attitude of the speaker in ‘I, Too, Sing America’?**

- (a) Confident                              (c) Bitter  
 (b) Patriotic                                (d) Ashamed

**5. Who is said to be the ‘hero’ of Ginsberg’s poem, ‘Howl’?**

- (a) Peter Orlovsky                      (b) Carl Solomon  
 (c) Neal Cassady                        (d) Jack Kerouac

**6. Which poem ends with the statement ‘The intuition of the news In just a country town’?**

- (a) Sylvia Plath’s ‘Lady Lazarus’                      (c) Walt Whitman’s ‘Song of Myself’  
 (b) Emily Dickinson’s ‘There’s been a Death in the Opposite House’      (d) William Wordsworth’s ‘Daffodils’

**7. In the poem ‘Song of Myself’, the narrator describes ‘Houses and rooms’ full of what?**

- (a) Paintings                              (c) Perfumes  
 (b) Ornate carvings                      (d) Rich wood

**8. What mythical creature does Lady Lazarus compare herself to?**

- (a) A Centaur                              (c) A hippogriff  
 (b) A Phoenix                              (d) A Sphinx

**9. What does Willy promise the woman in the hotel room?**

- (a) Flowers                                (c) Jewelry  
 (b) Stockings                              (d) Marriage

**10. Where did Ben become rich?**

- (a) Mexican gold mines                      (c) African diamond mines  
 (b) Alaskan oil fields                      (d) Montana ranches

**11. Which of the following characters does attend Willy’s funeral?**

- (a) Ben                                      (c) Howard  
 (b) Charley                                (d) Bernard

**12. ‘A man is not a bird to come and go with the springtime’. Which character makes this statement?**

- (a)Biff (c)Happy  
(b)Linda (d)Charley

13. What is the source of the fortune that Judge Thatcher is keeping in trust for Huck?

- (a)Buried treasure (c)A robber's stash that Huck and Tom found in a cave  
(b)Huck's father's life insurance policy (d)An inheritance from Huck's mother

14. What is the name of the town where Huck, Jim and Tom live at the novel's opening?

- (a)Cairo (c)Pikesville  
(b)St.Louis (d)St.Petersburg

15. What kind of animal does Huck kill as part of the plot to fake his own death?

- (a)A dog (c)A deer  
(b)A fish (d)A pig

16. Down which river do Huck and Jim travel?

- (a)The Missouri (c)The Mississippi  
(b)The Ohio (d) The Chattahoochee

**B. Terms/ Short notes/ Case study/ Charts/ Graphs/ Tables, etc. (Each of 01 mark) (07)**

1.Any one characteristic feature of 'American Literature'.

2.What animal does Lady Lazarus compare herself to?

3.In 'The Road Not Taken' by Robert Frost, How was one path different from the other?

4.What is the name of the wrecked steamboat on which Huck and Jim encounter the robbers?

5.Why does Jim run away from Miss Watson?

6.In 'Death of a Salesman', which character 'never knew who he was'?

7.Why does Willy admire Dave Singleman?

**Q.2 Answer the following.**

A. Discuss the phase of 'Enlightenment' in American Literature. (04)

B. What is the significance of 'Tennessee' in the poem 'Anecdote of the Jar'? What makes this particular state so special in the poem? (04)

C. How do Jim and Huck escape after their raft breaks loose and floats away? (04)

**OR**

C. Discuss the character of Linda Loman in Arthur Miller's 'Death of a Salesman'. (04)

**Q.3 Answer the following.**

A. Comment on the 'Revolutionary Period' in American Literature. (05)

B. The poem 'The Road Not Taken' by Robert Frost deals with the dilemma in which the speaker is faced with a significant life choice: to take the more conventional(well-traveled) path in life, or to take the one that shows less wear, thus less certainty. Discuss. (05)

C. "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain is a perfect blend of Romanticism and Realism. Discuss on the light of the above statement. (05)

**OR**

C. Critically examine the view that Willy Loman is not only 'a victim of society, but he is also his own victim'. (05)

**Q.4 Answer the following.**

A. Friction, collision and tension between past and present is at the heart of construction of *Death of a Salesman*. Discuss. (06)

B. 'Lady Lazarus' by Sylvia Plath brings out the darkest sides in the life of a woman who like a Lazarus is longing for the breaking of the shackles around her. Comment on the light of the above statement. (06)

C. 'The hero(Willy Loman).....is not simply an individual who strives desperately to attain a determined objective; he is also representative of an American type who has accepted an ideal shaped for him and pressed on him by forces in his culture'. Elaborate. (06)

**OR**

C. Some critics claim that Jim is Huck's "true father". Defend or refute this statement. (06)