

Roll No. _____

MEG-10 (M. A. English)

Final Year Examination 2012

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American Literature

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 60

Note: The Question Paper is divided into three Sections, A, B and C. Follow instructions given at the beginning of each section.

Section A

(Long-Answer Questions)

Note: Answer *any two* questions. Each question carries 15 marks. **2x15 = 30**

1. From your reading of Emily Dickinson's poems give an account of her concept of death and her attitude towards it.
2. Compare the attitude of various characters in the novel *Huckleberry Finn* towards slavery. What do you think Mark Twain's attitude towards it was?
3. To what extent can Willy Loman be considered a tragic hero?
4. Why do you think Raymond Carver called his story "A Small Good Thing"?

Section B

(Short-Answer Questions)

Note: Answer *any four* questions. Each question carries 5 marks. **4x5 = 20**

Explain and comment on the following lines:

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1. I depart as air, I shake my white locks at the runaway sun,
I effuse my flesh in eddies, and drift in lacy jags.
I bequeath myself to the dirt to grow from the grass I love
If you want me again look for me under your boot-soles.
2. Success is counted sweetest
By those who ne'er succeed.
To comprehend a nectar
Requires sorest need.
3. There where it is we do not need the wall:
He is all pine I am apple orchard
My apple trees will never get across
And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.
4. Write a note on the heroes of Hemingway.
5. Discuss the element of pathos in *The Bluest Eye*.
6. What is the significance of the 'scarlet letter' in the novel of the same name?
7. Define Emerson's term 'oversoul'.
8. What is the significance of the 'silver bullet' in *The Emperor Jones*?

Section C

Objective Questions (Compulsory)

Note: Answer all questions. Each question carries 01 mark.

10x1 = 10

1. 'Vitamins' is a _____ written by _____.
2. Hester Prynne is a character in the novel _____ by _____.

3. "The woods are lovely, dark and deep" is from the poem titled _____ by _____.
4. "When lilacs last in the dooryard bloomed" is an _____ on the death of _____.
5. Complete the line, "I heard a fly buzz _____".
6. Lt Fredrick Henry is a character in _____ written by _____.
7. Jackson's island is a place in the novel _____ by _____.
8. In *The Emperor Jones*, O'Neill uses the technique of _____.
9. The Wingfields are characters in _____ by _____.
10. *The Bluest Eye* is written by _____, and is representative of _____ literature.
