

**SIXTH SEMESTER B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH/APRIL 2018****(CUCBCSS—UG)****English****ENG 6B 02—LITERATURES IN ENGLISH : AMERICAN AND POST-COLONIAL****Time : Three Hours****Maximum : 80 Marks****I. Answer the following bunches of questions :****1 Whose life is compared to a crystal stair case :**

- (a) Brother. (b) Father.  
(c) Mother. (d) Teacher.

**2 What is the name of Usher's improvised poem ?**

- (a) The palace on the Hill. (b) The Haunted House.  
(c) The Haunted Palace. (d) The Fallen Flower.

**3 What did Biff take from Bill Oliver ?**

- (a) A silver picture frame. (b) A fountain pen.  
(c) A twenty dollar bill. (d) The keys to the office.

**4 Where is the jar placed on ?**

- (a) In Tennessee. (b) Upon a hill.  
(c) on the table. (d) upon the ground.

**5 Sylvia Plath's poetry comes under the genre of :**

- (a) Confessional poetry. (b) romantic poetry.  
(c) Metaphysical poetry (d) feminist poetry.

**6 Whose journey is described in the poem "The Emigrants ?"**

- (a) The poet himself. (b) Europeans.  
(c) Black people. (d) White people.

**7 The mystic drum beats :**

- (a) Around the town. (b) In the market place.  
(c) In the external nature. (d) Inside the mind of the poet.

**Turn over**

8 David Diop's 'Africa' celebrates the typical love of the African for their :

- (a) Parents. (b) Girls.  
(c) Mother land. (d) Ancestors.

9 Who is Om Prakash's brother ?

- (a) Jithin. (b) Jeethu.  
(c) Jenny. (d) None of these.

10 Who decided to buy Norah the perfect scarf ?

- (a) Mrs. Scribano. (b) Mrs. Chris.  
(c) Mrs. Rita Winter. (d) Mrs. Nancy.

(10 × 1 = 10 marks)

II. Answer any *ten* of the following questions in two *or* three sentences :

11. How does Whitman acknowledge the individuality of the Americans who sing ?
12. What does the jar symbolize ?
13. Who is the speaker and the addressee of the poem "Mother to Son" ?
14. Why does Oliver refuse to recognize Biff ?
15. Why did Abner Snopes have to leave town ?
16. What is the problem with others making history of females ?
17. What is Meena Alexander's poem "House of a Thousand Doors" about ?
18. What happened when the drum stopped beating ?
19. Of whom does David Diop's grandmother sing to him ?
20. Why is Jaya forced to pretend as Om's sister ?
21. What was peculiar about the old man rising up in the cafe ?
22. What did Norah long for as her birthday gift ?

(10 × 2 = 20 marks)

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions in a paragraph of 80 words :

23. What is the significance of the title poem 'I hear America singing' ?
24. Write short notes on the poem "Edge" by Sylvia Plath.
25. What is peculiar about the House of Usher and why has it been built so ?
26. Describe the themes reflected in Atwood's poem "This is a Photograph of Me".

27. How does Diop through his poem "Africa" encourage his people to act against the dominating powers ?

28. Who are the characters in the play 'Harvest' ?

(4 × 5 = 20 marks)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words:

29. Miller departs from the age-old concepts of tragedy in 'Death of a salesman'. Explain.

30. Write an essay on the theme employed in the story "Barn Burning".

31. "Killing Time" can be considered as an interweaving of reality with magic. Explain.

32. Attempt an appreciation of Carol Shield's "A Scarf".

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)