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(UG—CCSS)

English

EN 6B 2—LITERATURE IN ENGLISH : AMERICAN AND POST COLONIAL
(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Answer all twelve questions.

I. Answer the following bunches of questions :

(A) 1 What is the point of view used in "I Hear America Singing" ?

- (a) First person. (b) Second person.
(c) Third person. (d) No point of View.

2 What is Snopes's occupation in 'Barn Burning' ?

- (a) Lawyer. (b) Overseer.
(c) Judge. (d) Sharecropper.

3 In 1949, William Faulkner received.

- (a) A visit from the Queen.
(b) An leave of absence from the war.
(c) Nobel prize.
(d) None of the above.

4 Roderick Usher, the narrator discovers, is all of the following except.

- (a) Bedridden.
(b) Exceedingly nervous and gloomy.
(c) Broken in spirit.
(d) Hypersensitive and superstitious.

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(B) Answer the following :

5 Who is Willy's wife ?

- (a) Jenny. (b) Letty.
(c) Linda. (d) Happy.

6 When was the first edition of Orientalism published ?

- (a) 1975. (b) 1965.
(c) 1978. (d) 1960.

7 Who is considered the father of free verse ?

- (a) Kamau Brathwaite. (b) Walt Whitman.
(c) Robert Frost. (d) Walter Benjamin.

8 Where is the jar placed on ?

- (a) Hill. (b) In Tennessee.
(c) Ground. (d) Table.

(C) Match the following :

9 To 'perfect' in the poem 'Edge' means.

- (a) To be wealthy.
(b) To complete, to master or to make flow less.
(c) To be highly educated.
(d) To get a good family life.

10 The term 'crystal stair' stands for :

- (a) Life. (b) Stair.
(c) Job. (d) Death.

11 In the poem This is a Photograph of Me, the "lake" stands for :

- (a) Society. (b) Nature.
(c) Beauty. (d) Wilderness.

12 Who is the historical figure mentioned in Kamau Brathwaite's poem.

- (a) Columbus. (b) James Baldwin.
(c) Gandhi. (d) Martin Luther King.

(12 × ¼ = 3 weightage)

II. Answer each of the following questions in two or three sentences. Each question carries 1 weightage :

- 13 What does the word “robust” mean in “The day what belongs to the day-At night, the party of young fellows, robust, friendly, /Singing, with open mouths, their strong melodious songs” ?
- 14 What does the fall of the Usher house in the story *Fall of the House of Usher* signify ?
- 15 What is Linda's reaction to Willy's complaints about himself ?
- 16 What does the term ‘Greek necessity’ in the poem ‘Edge’ stand for ?
- 17 What is the central theme of *Barn Burning* ?
- 18 What does the “drum” in the poem *The Mystic Drum* stand for ?
- 19 What prize does Reta Winters' *My Thyme is Up* win ?
- 20 What is the realization that the narrator of *Killing Time* had when he found himself in the mirror ?
- 21 What is the metaphor of the “| thousand doors” in Meena Alexander's poem ?

(9 × 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Answer any *five* of the following questions in a paragraph of 100 words. Each question carries 2 weightage :

- 22 Comment on the language used in *Mother to Son*.
- 23 Willy Loman.
- 24 How does the photograph form the central theme of the *This is a Photograph of Me* ?
- 25 Consider the theme of madness in *The Fall of the House of Usher*.
- 26 What philosophy does Mrs Winters provide at the end of *A Scarf*.
- 27 How does the writer use magic realism to render the harmony of the earlier culture ?
- 28 What is the central theme of Manjula Padmanabhan's *Harvest* ?

(5 × 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 300 words. Each question carries 4 weightage :

- 29 Consider *Death of a Salesman* as a representative play of the “American Dream”.
- 30 *Mother to Son* expresses the disparity between dreams and reality for the African Americans. Discuss.
- 31 How does Gabriel Okara's *The Mystic Drum* showcase the destruction of the vibrant tradition of Africa with the onslaught of the materialist imperialism of the West ?

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)