

B. A. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2023
(2020 Admission Regular, 2019, 2018 Admissions Supplementary)
SEMESTER VI - CORE COURSE (ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE)
EN6B13B18 - AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

Part A

I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 2 marks**(10x2=20)**

1. Why does Baldwin mention Basque countries?
2. Why does Baldwin say that people have different realities to articulate?
3. Comment on the central image of the poem "Grandmother".
4. Allen says "After her I sit on my laddered rain-bearing rug". Comment.
5. How does Dupin get the letter? What are his reasons for not seizing the letter openly?
6. Comment on Robin's encounter with the "lady of the scarlet petticoat".
7. How does the prefect infer that the letter is still in the possession of the individual who purloined it?
8. What does the narrative indicate about Gouvernail's feelings towards Mrs. Baroda?
9. Explain the crime Joe Keller and Steve Deever were accused of committing.
10. Discuss the favour Sue wants from Ann in the play *All My Sons*.
11. Discuss why Atticus takes Tom Robinson's case even though he knew he would lose.
12. Elucidate the importance of Mrs. Dubois in the novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks**(6x5=30)**

13. Write a short note on modernism in America.
14. Discuss the two main streams of American tradition.
15. Write a short note on the Harlem Renaissance.
16. Describe Langston Hughes portrayal of Black life.
17. Briefly narrate the efforts of the Parisian police to find the letter.
18. How do Robin's thoughts reflect his naivety?
19. Evaluate the Greek influences on the play, *All My Sons*.
20. Explain how Kate Keller's refusal to accept the death of her son is the key to the tragic consequences of the play.
21. Explain how Jem breaks his arm.

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks**(2x15=30)**

22. "The First Frontier" guides us through the history of American literature. Do you agree with this? Give reasons.
23. "I Dwell In Possibility " illustrates how hope helps Dickinson to give vent to creative expressions. Explicate.
24. Explain why Joe Keller commits suicide.
25. At the end of the book, Scout says that telling people Boo Radley committed the murder would have been "sort of like shootin' a mockingbird." Comment.