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2023

3rd Semester Examination

ENGLISH (Honours)

Paper : C 7-T

(American Literature)

(New Syllabus)

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Full Marks : 60

Time : Three Hours

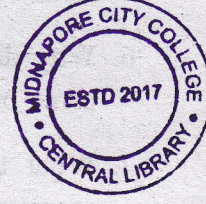
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**Group - A**

Answer any *ten* questions :  $2 \times 10 = 20$

1. What noise sets off the bizarre events of Poe's "The Raven"?
2. Describe how the narrator first opens his chamber door in Poe's "The Raven".
3. What does "The vessel grim and daring" mean in "O Captain, My Captain!"?

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4. What is the "object" won in the poem "O Captain, My Captain!"?
5. What does the poet mean by "yellow wood" in "The Road Not Taken"?
6. Why does the poet say "I doubted if I should ever come back"?
7. What trick does Huck play on Jim after they get separated in the fog?
8. Why does Huck write the letter to Miss Watson informing her of Jim's whereabouts?
9. What major world event serves as the backdrop in *For Whom the Bell Tolls*?
10. What mission does the Republican command assign to Robert Jordan in *For Whom the Bell Tolls*?
11. What does the phrase "grave of dream" represent in *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*?
12. What reason does Blanche give for leaving her job as a schoolteacher in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?
13. What secret does Stanley let slip to Blanche after she proves Belle Reve was lost on its mortgage?
14. How does Ann prove Larry's death in *All My Sons*?
15. Who was Joe Keller in the play *All My Sons*?

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**Group - B**

Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

16. What is important about the title of the poem, "The Raven"? Why does the poet use the title?
  17. How does Whitman portray Abraham Lincoln's loss as nationally significant in "O Captain, My Captain!"?
  18. Why does Hughes use rhetorical questions in "Harlem"?
  19. Why doesn't Huck want to be adopted by Aunt Sally in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*?
- Or,
20. What comment on the epigraph in Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.
  20. What characteristics of McLendon are revealed in "Dry September" by Faulkner?
  21. Who is Shep Huntleigh in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?
- Or,
- Describe the conversation between Joe and Chris about Chris's future plans. What does Joe want from his son in *All My Sons*?



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Group - C

Answer any two of the following questions :

10×2=20

22. Critically comment on the metaphor of road in "The Road Not Taken".
23. Critically discuss the significance of the title of *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.
24. Write a note on the character of Miss Bertha Flowers as revealed in the chapters you have read in *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.
25. Would you like to agree with the view that *A Streetcar Named Desire* explores the clash between two cultures and not two individuals? Discuss.

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Answer any ten of the following questions :

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1. What does the "yellow wood" signify in Frost's "The Road not Taken"?
2. Why did the poet leave the first path in "The Road Not Taken"?
3. In which year was Hughes's "Harlem to be Answered" written? Why is this year significant?

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4. What did Langston Hughes name his poem "Harlem to be Answered" after?
5. What does "The vessel grim and daring" mean in "O Captain, My Captain"?
6. What is the "object" won in the poem "O Captain, My Captain"?
7. What does the opening quotation allude to in Poe's "The Purloined Letter"?
8. Who is Monsieur G in "The Purloined Letter"?
9. What was the name of the individual that purloined the letter?
10. Where does *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* take place?
11. Who is Mary in Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?
12. How does Tom trick his friends into helping him whitewash the fence?
13. What reason does Blanche give for leaving her job as a schoolteacher in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?
14. What is the reason for Blanche Du Bois's visit to her sister Stella's Love in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?
15. How does Mitch verify the stories Stanley tells him about Blanche?

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**Group - B**

Answer any *four* of the following questions :

5×4=20

16. Comment on the last stanza of "The Road Not Taken"?
17. How are imagery and irony used in Langston Hughes's poem "Harlem to be Answered"?
18. What range of contradicting emotions does Whitman experience in "O Captain, My Captain"?
19. "With the employment the power departs" — Bring out the context of the speech.
20. What does the cave symbolize in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?
21. Why does Blanche avoid strong light in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?

**Group - C**

Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

22. What trip is literally and figurative being referred to in "O Captain, My Captain"?
23. Why is "The Purloined Letter" considered "a tale of ratiocination"?

24. Discuss Twain's use of superstition throughout the novel, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and show how these superstitions affect the various actions.
25. To what extent would it be appropriate to describe *A Streetcar Named Desire* as a tragedy? Discuss.

