

May- 2017

Seat No. \_\_\_\_\_

MA00C204 (Sem-II)

Time; 3 Hours

(American Literature)

Max.Marks:70

Instructions: (1) Attempt all questions.

(2) All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) "American Renaissance was a period of American Romanticism expressed through its nationalistic literature." Discuss in detail. 14  
OR  
(b) Discuss the various themes such as isolation, alienation and shame in *The Scarlet Letter*.
2. (a) "Harlem Renaissance voiced the pain, anguish and hope of the Black people in America." Elaborate. 14  
OR  
(b) Langston Hughes has been termed a "visionary" for his poetry about the African- American people- Discuss.
3. Attempt any **two** short notes: 14
  - (1) Narrative methods and techniques in *The colour Purple*.
  - (2) 'Experiments of living' in *Walden pond*.
  - (3) Reflection "American dreams" in *Death of a Salesman*.
  - (4) Modes of narration in *The Color Purple*.
4. Write the correct option: 14
  - (1) Langston Hughes was basically \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) A poet
    - (b) An anarchist
    - (c) A rebel
    - (d) An atheist
  - (2) The first newspaper of "Harlem renaissance Movement" was \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) The Tempest
    - (b) The Voice
    - (c) The Movement
    - (d) The Turmoil
  - (3) Harlem Renaissance had spanned about \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) 1860-1900
    - (b) 1960-2000
    - (c) 1919-1930
    - (d) 1760-1800
  - (4) "American Renaissance" is also called \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) "New England Renaissance"
    - (b) "New Democratic Renaissance"
    - (c) "New Socialist Renaissance"
    - (d) "New Age Renaissance"
  - (5) Who among the following did not belong to "American Renaissance"?
    - (a) Emerson
    - (b) Nathaniel Hawthorne
    - (c) Emily Dickinson
    - (d) Thoreau
  - (6) Who does Hawthorne call "the leeches" in *The Scarlet Letter*?

- (a) Dimmesdale (b) Hester  
(c) Pearl (d) Chillingworth
- (7) In which city *The Scarlet Letter* was set in?  
(a) Dover Delaware (b) Pittsburg  
(c) Washington D.C. (d) Boston, Massachusetts
- (8) What profession does Chillingworth pretend to be?  
(a) Doctor (b) Lawyer  
(c) Minister (d) Custom clerk
- (9) One of the major trends of American Renaissance was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Expressionism (b) Nativism  
(c) Colonialism (d) Transcendentalism
- (10) How does Hester support herself financially?  
(a) as a teacher (b) as a preacher  
(c) as a seamstress (d) as a farmhand
- (11) The term "New Negro" was popularized by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Langston Hughes (b) Alan Locke  
(c) Harriet Tubman (d) Ralph Ellison
- (12) The title of Hughes first Novel was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Fine Clothes to the Jew (b) The Ways of White Folks  
(c) Not Without Laughter (d) The Weary Blues
- (13) Langston Hughes's poetry declared that Black is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Unavoidable (b) Pretty  
(c) Adorable (d) Beautiful
- (14) The term American Renaissance comes from a 1941 book by  
(a) Emerson (b) W. Whitman  
(c) F.O. Matthiessen (d) Fanny Fera

5. Answer in brief :( any seven)

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- (1) Which music form was invented by Langston Hughes?
- (2) Briefly discuss Langston Hughes use of language in his poetry.
- (3) Discuss in brief the main themes of Langston Hughes poetry.
- (4) Draw in brief character sketch of Pearl.
- (5) Briefly discuss the essential features of American Renaissance.
- (6) Compare and contrast the characters of Dimmesdale and Chillingworth.
- (7) Write in short on the impact of "great Migration" on Harlem Renaissance.
- (8) What punishment was Hester given and what was her crime.