

- (viii) From your analysis of the text 'Death of a Salesman', state which of the following statement is correct.
- a) Willy dies as a victim of the American Dream
- b) The responsibility for Willy's tragedy lies squarely on the society of which he is a member
- c) Willy has an intense consciousness that the life he had built for himself was without form and inner meaning
- d) All the above
- (ix) From your analysis of the poem, 'Stopping by the Woods' identify which statement best summarizes the main theme
- a) the triumph of worldly duties over the pleasure principle
- b) the attraction of a hedonistic life
- c) the poem is about loneliness
- d) none of the above
- (x) Assess the following statements and state which one of them is true about the poetry of Robert Frost.
- a) Solitary travellers appear frequently in Frost's poems
- b) Trees function as boundary spaces, where moments of connection or revelation become possible
- c) both 1 and 2
- d) only 1
- (xi) Assess the following statements and state which one of them is true in the context of the poem 'Caged Bird' by Maya Angelou.
- a) the caged bird in the poem is an extended metaphor for the historic struggle of the Black community under historical and ongoing racist oppression
- b) the caged bird sings of freedom
- c) the free bird 'dares to claim the sky' because it believes that its freedom gives it permission to claim ownership over something that does not belong to it
- d) All the above
- (xii) The Boston Brahmin are known for the creation of _____ as an ethics in the canon of American literature.
- a) Catholicism
- b) Presbiterianism
- c) Puritanism
- d) Methodism
- (xiii) From your reading of the novel. The Great Gatsby, state which of the following is a valid inference.
- a) Many of the stories Gatsby tells about himself turn out to be lies or half-truths. The fantastic nature of his stories gives Gatsby's history a mythical quality, which reinforces the sense of him as a tragic hero.
- b) Gatsby kills Myrtle and then kills himself out of guilt
- c) Gatsby kills Myrtle and Nick takes the blame in order to protect him
- d) none of the above
- (xiv) Name the person who coined the phrase 'American Dream'
- a) James Truslow Adams
- b) Barak Obama
- c) Richard Slotkin
- d) Jean Baudrillard
- (xv) State the name of the author of the book A Nation of Immigrants (1964)
- a) Richard Slotkin
- b) President John F.Kennedy
- c) Barak Obama
- d) Thomas Jefferson

Group-B
(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. How can we interpret Daisy's reaction upon seeing the shirts when she visits Gatsby's (3)

house?

3. Express your views on the idea that Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise" is a poem of protest. (3)
4. How would you interpret Bliff Loman's "I am not a leader of men, Willy, and neither are you"? (3)
5. ♦ Express your views on the significance of the "Requiem" in *Death of a Salesman*. ♦ (3)
6. Explain the line "I am the dream and hope of slaves" from the poem "Still I Rise" (3)

OR

Explicate upon the Revolutionary Period of American literature. (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Edgar Allan Poe's *The Cask of Amontillado* has its significance in the realms of the spatial. With reference to the Gaston Bachelard's *The Poetics of Space* do a topoanalytic reading of the text. (5)
8. Analyse the prevalent themes of Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby*. (5)
9. Comment upon the theme of revenge in *The Cask of Amontillado*. (5)
10. Elaborate upon the canon of poetry in American literature and its cultural significance in the 20th century. (5)
11. Comment on the gothic sublime with reference to the short stories of Edgar Allan Poe in the syllabus. (5)

OR

Discuss, in your own words, the trope of American literature. (5)

12. Walt Whitman's "Oh Captain! My Captain!" is an allegory of the American Civil War- Justify. (5)

OR

"My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will"- Who is referred to as "father" here? With reference to the poem explain Whitman's preoccupation with the "father"?
