



## **BRAINWARE UNIVERSITY**

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( Semester V )

Full Marks : 60 Time : 2:30 Hours

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

## **Group-A**

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

- Choose the correct alternative from the following :
- (i) Which of the following was not a part of the Middle Colony of the Thirteen Colonies in the colonial period of American history?
  - a) Pennsylvania

b) Virginia

c) Delaware

- d) New York
- (ii) Identify where Biff finds Willy with The Woman?
  - a) Manhattan

b) Providence

c) Hartford

- d) Boston
- (iii) When Linda says that Biff and Happy are ungrateful, how does she describe Happy?
  - a) No-goodnick

b) Philandering bum

c) Philistine

- d) A real travesty
- (iv) Explain what the Poet is implying when she says \* you may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise'
  - a) She is saying that even though she's facing discrimination she will still overcome it
- b) She is saying that you can talk about her, but words won't kill her
- c) She won't rise because of discrimination.
- d) none of the above
- (v) Determine which of the following statements best describes Myrtle
  - a) She is quiet and thoughtful
- b) She is meek and timid
- c) She is sensuous and desperate
- d) She is sophisticated
- (vi) Determine what leads Nick to believe Gatsby might have acquired his money illegally?
  - a) He meets the shady figure Wolfshiem
- b) Gatsby asks Nick to deliver a mysterious package
- c) He notices a detective following Gatsby
- d) He sees Gatsby cleaning a gun
- (vii) The green light in The Great Gatsby can be interpreted as
  - a) symbolic of the American Dream
- b) all that Gatsby wants to achieve
- c) his unattainable love for Daisy
- d) All the above

	(Short Answer T	ype Questions)
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	c) Barak Obama	d) Thomas Jefferson
	a) Richard Slotkin	b) President John F.Kennedy
	State the name of the author of the book A N	이 생물이 이 없었다. 이번 이번 이번 시간에 되었다면 하는 것은 이번에 가장하게 하지만 하지만 하지 않는 것이 되었다면 하는데 하지 않는데 하는데 되었다면 하다 되었다면 하는데
	c) Richard Slotkin	d) Jean Baudrillard
	a) James Truslow Adams	b) Barak Obama
(xiv)	blame in order to protect him Name the person who coined the phrase 'Am	
	which reinforces the sense of him as a tragic hero. c) Gatsby kills Myrtle and Nick takes the	d) none of the above
	<ul> <li>a) Many of the stories Gatsby tells about himself turn out to be lies or half-truths.</li> <li>The fantastic nature of his stories gives</li> <li>Gatsby s history a mythical quality,</li> </ul>	b)  Gatsby kills Myrtle and then kills himself out of guilt
	valid inference.	
(xiii)	From your reading of the novel. The Great Ga	itsby, state which of the following is a
	a) Catholicism c) Puritanism	b) Presbitarianism d) Methodism
(xii)	The Boston Brahmin are known for the creatication of American literature.	
	because it believes that its freedom gives it permission to claim ownership over something that does not belong to it	All the above
	Black community under historical and ongoing racist oppression c) the free bird 'dares to claim the skyt'	the caged bird sings of freedom d)
	a) the caged bird in the poem is an extended metaphor for the historic struggle of the	b) the caged hird sings of freedom
(xi)	c) both 1 and 2 Assess the following statements and state wh the poem 'Caged Bird' by Maya Angelou.	d) only 1
	a) Solitary travellers appear frequently in Frost s poems	b) Trees function as boundary spaces, where moments of connection or revelation become possible
(x)	c) the poem is about loneliness Assess the following statements and state wh poetry of Robert Frost.	d) none of the above nich one of them is true about the
	a) the triumph of worldly duties over the pleasure principle	b) the attraction of a hedonistic life
(ix)	without form and inner meaning From your analysis of the poem, 'Stopping by best summarizes the main theme	
	c) Willy has an intense consciousness that the life he had built for himself was	d) All the above
	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
(VIII)	From your analysis of the text 'Death of a Sale statement is correct.	esman', state which of the following

(3)

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
(congrammer type educations)	
<ol> <li>Edgar Allan Poe's The Cask of Amontillado has its siginificance in the realms of the spatial. With reference to the Gaston Bachelard's The Poetics of Space do a topoanalytic reading of the text.</li> </ol>	(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 preoccupationb with the "father"?	(5)

