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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

Part A (Short Answer Questions)

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

Weight 1 each.

1. What, according to Emerson, is a valid form of prayer?
2. What, according to Baldwin, is special about the Welsh language?
3. What is the significance of the line "Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else" in the poem "I Hear America Singing"?
4. What does Robert Frost mean when he says, "He moves in darkness"?
5. What does the "red sea" symbolise in the poem "The Negro Mother"?
6. Who is the author of the poem "The Good Man" ? Comment on the message of the poem.
7. Why does Montresor appear concerned about Fortunato's health?
8. What prevents Willy from accepting the offer of a job from Charles?
9. Compare and contrast the characters of Happy and Biff in "Death of a Salesman".
10. What does the mad dog symbolize in "To Kill a Mockingbird"?

(8×1=8 weightage)

Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

*Answer any **six** questions.*

Weight 2 each.

11. Analyse the concept of self-reliance proposed by Emerson.
12. What are the barriers that prevent us from self-reliance according to Emerson?





13. How does the poem "A Bird Came Down the Walk" convey a sense of the bird's cautiousness and vulnerability?
14. "The spangled sea below wants me to fall." Briefly analyse the line in the poem "The Unbeliever".
15. What is the significance of the quilts in "Everyday Use"?
16. Comment on the symbolism in the play "Death of a Salesman".
17. What are the factors contributing to the tragedy of Willy Loman?
18. Describe the Literary devices employed in "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

(6×2=12 weightage)

Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

Weight 5 each.

19. "Language is also a political instrument, means and proof of power".
Elucidate with reference to Baldwin's "If Black English Isn't a Language, Then Tell Me, What Is".
20. Evaluate "i carry your heart with me" as a modernist poem.
21. Jack London Writes, "He was quick and alert in the things of life, but only in the things, not in the significances".
What does this tell us about the man? What is his character like? What is the man's fatal flaw?
22. Attempt a character sketch of Scout Finch as the protagonist and narrator.

(2×5=10 weightage)

