APRIL 2025 **71505/105C2B**

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (20 marks)

I. Annotate any FIVE questions of the following. ($5 \times 2 = 10$)

1. But O heart! heart! heart!
O the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

2. But I was going to say when Truth broke in
With all her matter-of-fact about the ice-storm
I should prefer to have some boy bend them
As he went out and in to fetch the cows—

3. We passed the School, where Children strove
At Recess — in the Ring —
We passed the Fields of Gazing Grain —
We passed the Setting Sun —

4. "I ain't begging" said my mother, "the government is giving away flour to those that need it, and I need it. I wouldn't be here if I didn't. And these clothes I'm wearing was given to me.

5. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men — yes, Black men as well as white men — would be guaranteed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

6. I did not have the strength - to go to the DAR. In fact, I did not have the courage! I wanted to find a hole in the ground and hide myself in it for ever!

7. I went in the art museum and the bird-houses at the Zod. I visited the penguins every day! Sometimes I did without lunch and went to the movies. Lately I've been spending most of my afternoons in the jewel-box, that big glass-house where they raise the tropical flowers.

II. Answer any FIVE of the following questions in one or two sentences each : $(5 \times 2 = 10)$

8. Who were the Puritans?

9. What does "the vessel grim and daring" mean in the poem "O Captain, My Captain"?

10. What does Emerson mean by the relationship between man and the vegetable in 'Self Reliance'?

11. What is the pledge in Martin Luther King(Jr)'s "I have a Dream"?

12. Why does Laura give the unicorn to Jim in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*?

13. Why is Amanda obsessed with finding a gentleman caller for Laura in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*?

14. Who is Manolin in Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*?

SECTION B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

III. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 100 words each.

15. In what ways did Romantic poets like Wordsworth express an optimistic view of nature and life?

16. What role does the theme of grief play in Edgar Allan Poe's "*The Raven*"?

17. What does the poem, "Because I Could not Stop for Death" suggest about the relationship between life and eternity?

18. How does Emerson define self-reliance in the essay?

19. How does Jim O'Connor serve as both a hopeful and disappointing figure in Laura's life in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*?

20. In what ways does Tom struggle between duty to his family and personal freedom in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*?

21. How does Santiago embody the qualities of perseverance and resilience in Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*?

22. What does the ending of the novel, *The Old Man and the Sea* suggest about Santiago's spirit and determination?

SECTION C — ($3 \times 10 = 30$ marks)

IV. Write essay on any THREE of the following in 300 words each.

23. Write an essay on the core beliefs and values of the Puritans, and how did these shape their way of life in America.

24. Describe the portrayal of leadership, sacrifice, and national loss in Walt Whitman's "O Captain, My Captain".

25. Write elaborately on depiction of the Southern landscape in relation to Black writers in Alice Walker's 'The Black Writer and the Southern Experience'.

26. Attempt an essay on the theme of memory and illusion in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*.

27. Discuss the relationship between Santiago and nature in Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*.

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