

EN 010203 - AMERICAN LITERATURES

MODULE – 1

1. To whom this quotation is attributed: “I went to the woods... I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach”.
 - Thoreau
 - Emerson
 - Edwards
 - Gandhi

2. In which centuries did America become the vast laboratory of ideas without any social constraints?
 - 16th and 17th
 - 17th and 18th
 - 15th and 16th
 - 18th and 19th

3. The separation of the Church of England was declared by...?
 - King Henry VII
 - Edward VI
 - King Henry VIII
 - King Henry IV

4. The essence of Jefferson’s thought lies in his faith in the integrity of the...?
 - Individual man
 - Spiritual man
 - Liberal man
 - Socialist man

5. Among the following who is the preacher of Calvinistic doctrines of absolute divine sovereignty and human depravity?
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - Jonathan Edwards
 - James Madison

6. Who became the symbol of the Enlightenment in America- the Age of Reason.?

- Immanuel Kant
- Jonathan Edwards
- Benjamin Franklin
- Rene Descartes

7. Which was the darkest period in the history of the United States?

- 1760-1790
- 1759-1780
- 1759-1790
- 1760-1780

8. What is the basic American principle?

- The enjoyment of freedom and individuality
- The enjoyment of liberty and equality
- The enjoyment of life and liberty
- The enjoyment of democracy

9. When the novel was finally born, it pretended to deal with the truth of.....

- Fundamental existence
- Social existence
- Daily existence
- Human existence

10. The “hideous Moor” is a striking symbol of the in ourselves.

- Demonic
- Hypocrite
- Villain
- Hero

11. The novel not only attacks the sovereignty of reason, it challenges the primacy of.....

- Creativity
- Ideas
- Truth
- Logic

12. Which is the genre that still defies an Aristotelian definition?

- Prose
- Poetry
- Novel
- Film

13. The novel is the first large scale example of.....?

- Pure art
- Mass art
- Real art
- Elite art

14. What was the result of the hypocrisy of the bourgeoisie in the presence of art?

- The form of novel
- The form of culture
- The form of narration
- The form of fiction

15. The novel marks the entrance of.....onto the stage with eyes cast down and hands clasped.

- The identity
- The libido
- The sense
- The anger

16. What stands between the codes of courtly love and romantic defenses of passion?

- Sexual love
- Pure love
- Sentimental love
- Enduring love

17. Which university was the pallid copy of the English Universities?

- Oxford
- Harvard
- Cambridge
- St Andrews

18. In New England, Puritan energy and constructive power had deteriorated into....

- Dogmatism
- Totalitarianism
- Bigotry and fanaticism
- Bigotry and intolerance

19. What shared the general apathy of early Americans?

- Religion
- Education
- Culture
- Art

20. Americans of the early nineteenth century thought of books as the expression of.....?

- Society
- Mind
- Politics
- culture

MODULE – 2

21. How does the narrator respond when the raven continues to say " Nevermore"?

- accuses the bird of lying
- he kills the bird
- he laughs
- he grows increasingly frustrated

22. "Ah, distinctly I remember it was in the bleak December", what does bleak mean?

- Sad, lonely
- Dark, dreary
- Happy, cheerful
- Long, drawn out

23. What is the word the sea gives the poet in “Out of the Cradle”?

- Death
- Love
- Peace
- Democracy

24. What is the original title of the poem ‘Out of the Cradle endlessly rocking’?

- A child’s remembrance
- A child’s reminiscence
- Leaves of Grass
- The Saturday press

25. In “The Soul Selects Her Own Society” the poet uses the phrase “shuts the door”. Which of the following most accurately explains this phrase?

- The soul closes the door after people leave her.
- The soul physically shuts the door
- The soul shuts the door to all others after choosing what she wants
- The soul is reclusive

26. In stanza two of “The Soul Selects Her Own Society”, the phrase “unmoved” is repeated. Who or what is unmoved?

- The rock
- The door
- The soul
- Emily Dickinson

27. Success is counted sweetest by those who ----- succeed.

- always
- like to
- never
- sometimes

28. “Not one of all the purple Host...” The purple host probably refers to:

- death
- the enemy
- a royal army
- person who entertains

29. "Safe in their Alabaster Chambers" was written in -----

- 1859
- 1860
- 1850
- 1845

30. "The grass divides as with a comb".

What two images is the simile "as with a comb" meant to compare in the mind of
The reader?

- A snake separating grass from into two sections
- A snake separating from skin it has shed
- The individual teeth of a comb diving
- A cob separating grass into two sections
- A comb separating hair into two sections

31. What does the imagery of the "whip-lash" suggest about a snake?

- A snake can curl up and stay very still or straighten out and move incredibly fast
- A snake can shed its skin
- A snake can make a hissing sound
- A snake can scare a horse

32. Who is the speaker of the poem "Birches"?

- A man reflecting upon his boyhood
- A girl who lives in the city
- Robert frost
- A cow

33. What figurative language devices does Frost utilize in "Birches"?

- Hyperbole, simile, imagery, and irony
- Idiom, metaphor, allusion, and alliteration
- Simile, metaphor, imagery, and alliteration
- Irony, allusion, metaphor, and alliteration

34. Who makes the ice cream in "The Emperor of Ice-Cream"?

- The speaker
- The mother
- The roller of big cigars
- The newspaper boys

35. How are the ice cream curds described?

- Delicious
- Unwanted
- Surprising
- Lustful

36. Who gets married in the poem “anyone lived in a pretty how town”?

- Someones and everyones
- Me and you
- You and me
- Everyone who has lived

37. What do the four seasons represent in the poem “anyone lived in a pretty how town”?

- The cycle of life
- The weather change
- Mood change

38. “To live in the borderlands” investigates -----?

- Identity
- Heritage
- Self-worth
- All of the above

39. “To live in the borderlands” written by which American scholar?

- Emily Dickinson
- Sylvia Plath
- Adrienne Rich
- Gloria Anzaldua

40. What does raven reply to the narrator?

- Nevermore
- Awesome
- Sure, my darling

MODULE – 3

41. Where does the Loman family live?

- queens
- long island

- Brooklyn
- Boston

42. What is Happy's real name?

- Harold
- Harlan
- William
- Benjamin

43. What does Willy promise the woman in the hotel room?

- Marriage
- Stockings
- Jewelry
- Flowers

44. Which character states "nobody dast blame this man"?

- Charley
- Biff
- Linda
- Ben

45. Why does Linda believe that her sons should treat Willy kindly?

- He is a human being, and attention must be paid
- He has been a dedicated father
- He has provided well for his family
- He is a successful man who can teach his family a great deal

46. Why does Willy believe his sons will be more successful than Bernald?

- More women like Happy shows that he will be more successful
- Biff and Happy have better business connections because of Willy
- Biff's athletic accomplishments will get Biff into a better college
- Bernald is "liked, but not well liked"

47. What was Biff doing in West before the play begins?

- Laying railroad tracks
- Selling dishwashers

- Working on a farm
- Robbing banks

48. What does Biff steal from Bill Oliver's office as an adult?

- A trophy
- Seeds
- Money
- A pen

49. Where did Willy's father go after he abandoned his family?

- Alabama
- Spain
- Alaska
- Las Vegas

50. How long has Willy worked for his sales firm?

- Between 34 and 36 years
- 32 years
- 40 years
- 25 years

51. Who wrote the play "Emperor Jones"?

- Eugene O'Neill
- Tennessee Williams
- Arthur Miller
- Lillian Hellman

52. What is the allegory in the play "Emperor Jones"?

- U.S Imperialism
- Integration
- Parenthood
- Marriage

53. What was the original title of the play "Emperor Jones"?

- The indies
- The Emperor Brutus
- The Escape
- The Silver Bullet

54. Which theatre first produced the play?

- Provincetown playhouse
- Rattlestick theatre
- The Barrymore theatre
- Manhattan theatre club

55. Who played Jones in the original production?

- Charles Sidney Gilpin
- Bill Robinson
- Bill Picket
- Clarence Muse

56. What is just as important as glory, according to Jones?

- Fame
- Sex
- Money
- Happiness

57. Who tried to assassinate Jones?

- Smithers
- Jeff
- The old woman
- Lem

58. What did Jones tell his subjects was the only thing that could kill him?

- An arrow
- Poison
- A silver bullet
- A knife

59. Why did Jones kill Jeff?

- A dispute in a game of craps
- Jeff owed him a large debt
- Jeff called him a name
- Jeff slept with his wife

60. Where did Smithers come from?

- France
- England
- Belgium
- America

MODULE – 4

61. In “Bartleby the Scrivener”, how does the lawyer deal with Turkey’s afternoon bad temper and tendency to make mistakes?

- Assigns him unimportant work
- Scolds him
- Sends him home
- He does nothing

62. Why does Nippers, a scrivener, constantly readjust the height of the legs on his desk every morning?

- Stomach trouble
- Lunch excites him
- He has not slept
- His desk is broken

63. Where does the Ginger Nut, the errand boy, get his nickname?

- His favorite tea
- His questionable sanity
- His hair color
- Cakes that he fetches

64. How does the narrator describe Bartleby in his early days as a scrivener?

- A generally excellent worker
- Slow and meticulous
- Quick but error prone
- Lazy

65. What does Faith want at the beginning of the story “Young Goodman Brown”?

- For her husband to stay home
- Some pink ribbons
- A new coat
- To get pregnant

66. What does Brown cry out to Faith at the meeting in the forest?

- “I renounce you and all your sin!”
- “Woman! Thou art the devil incarnate!”
- “stop she is pure and not at fault”
- “look up to Heaven, and resist the Wicked One!”

67. From whom does Brown first hide?

- The old man
- Goody Cloyse
- Deacon Gookin
- Faith

68. Which of the following characters does not seem to be a follower of the devil?

- Faith
- Goodman Brown
- The Minister
- Goody Cloyse

69. The author’s preface to “The Snows of Kilimanjaro” states that Mount Kilimanjaro is how many feet height?

- 19,710
- 20,325
- 18,210
- 15,356

70. Where does the narrator say Harry “had been happiest in the good time of his life”?

- London
- New York
- Africa
- Wyoming

71. What does Harry ask Molo to bring him?

- A whisky soda
- Big game
- Gangrene

72. What happens to Harry at the end of the story?

- He goes to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro
- He dies
- He is eaten by the hyena
- He lives

73. What is the source of the fortune that Judge Thatcher is keeping in trust for Huck?

- Buried treasure
- Huck's father's life insurance policy
- A robber's stash that Huck and Tom found in a cave
- An inheritance from Huck's mother

74. Which character informs that Jim is actually a free man at the end of the novel "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"?

- Aunt Polly
- Tom
- Huck
- Sid

75. Which of the following symbolizes bad luck to Huck and Jim?

- A shed snakeskin
- Jim's hairy chest
- Rain
- The wrecked steamboat

76. Which Wilks sister is initially suspicious of Huck?

- Mary Jane
- Susan
- Joanna
- Sophia

77. Where is Herzog temporarily living?

- In his country home in the Berkshires
- In his friend's home in Martha's Vineyard
- With Lucas Asphalter
- With his Tante Taube

78. Who is Madeleine's lover?

- Phoebe's husband
- Valentine
- Herzog's best friend
- All of the above

79. What is Herzog's area of study?

- The Enlightenment
- Romanticism
- Psychiatry
- Philosophy

80. Who helped Valentine find a job in Chicago?

- Madeleine
- Phoebe
- June
- Moses

MODULE – 5

81. What is Emerson's overall opinion of society?

- Society helps people achieve their potential

- We must accept society's rules
- Society is all that stands between us and the forces of chaos
- Society conspires to deny people their individual freedoms

82. The tone of Emerson's essay is best described as -----

- Neutral
- Despairing
- Uplifting
- Gloomy

83. What year was Ralph Waldo Emerson born in?

- 1805
- 1830
- 1803
- 1808

84. In his essay, "Self-Reliance" Emerson likens self-esteem with what?

- A psalm
- A child
- The ego
- Nature

85. What movement was born from the ideas of Emerson?

- Unitarianism
- Stoicism
- Transcendentalism
- Calvinism

86. Martin Luther King Jr. uses the image of "the valley" in his speech "I Have a Dream" to represent

- Justice
- Bad times
- The future
- Peace

87. Martin Luther King Jr. appeals mainly to his listeners'

- Common sense
- Desire for a better future
- Sense of guilt
- Concerns of about America's status among the world's nations

88. In "I Have a Dream", Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. urges his followers to

- Work toward gradual change
- Demand equality and justice now
- Use any means necessary
- Distrust white people

89. Which repeated phrase in Dr. King's speech has additional power it is from a familiar patriotic song?

- "I Have a Dream"
- "Now is the time to"
- "One hundred years later"
- "Let freedom ring"

90. Let freedom ring from the stone mountain of -----

- Georgia
- Alabama
- Colorado
- Tennessee

91. Dr. King Jr. delivered his speech in Washington DC on August-----

- 25, 1963
- 12, 1964
- 28, 1963
- 28, 1965

92. What was Martin Luther King, Jr. before becoming a civil rights activist?

- Businessman
- Baptist Minister
- Teacher

- Musician

93. On what pond does Thoreau live on the shore?

- Concord pond
- Walden pond
- Catfish pond
- Wiltshire pond

94. How long does Thoreau live at Walden Pond?

- Two years and two months
- Six months
- One year
- Three years and six months

95. “The mass of men lead lives of quiet....”

- Desperation
- Struggle
- Terror
- Contentment

96. What are the necessities of life?

- Food, shelter, clothing, and fuel
- Food, shelter, clothing, and sunlight
- Food, shelter, land, and freedom
- Love, happiness, family and religion

97. In total, how much does it cost for Thoreau to build his house?

- \$364.92
- \$192.47
- \$56.08
- \$28.12

98. “The swiftest traveler is he that goes....”

- As the crow flies

- A foot
- By train
- By horse

99. Why didn't Thoreau buy the Hollowell farm as he had originally intended?

- It was too expensive
- It needed many improvements
- The seller pulled out
- It wasn't remote enough

100. On what holiday does Thoreau first move to Walden Pond?

- Memorial day
- Independence day
- Labor day
- Easter Sunday

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ANSWER KEY

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| 1. | A | 35. | D | 69. | A |
| 2. | B | 36. | A | 70. | C |
| 3. | C | 37. | A | 71. | A |
| 4. | A | 38. | D | 72. | B |
| 5. | C | 39. | D | 73. | C |
| 6. | C | 40. | A | 74. | B |
| 7. | A | 41. | C | 75. | A |
| 8. | C | 42. | A | 76. | C |
| 9. | C | 43. | B | 77. | A |
| 10. | A | 44. | A | 78. | D |
| 11. | B | 45. | A | 79. | B |
| 12. | C | 46. | D | 80. | D |
| 13. | B | 47. | C | 81. | D |
| 14. | A | 48. | D | 82. | C |
| 15. | B | 49. | C | 83. | C |
| 16. | C | 50. | A | 84. | B |
| 17. | B | 51. | A | 85. | C |
| 18. | C | 52. | A | 86. | B |
| 19. | B | 53. | D | 87. | B |
| 20. | D | 54. | A | 88. | B |
| 21. | D | 55. | A | 89. | D |
| 22. | B | 56. | C | 90. | A |
| 23. | A | 57. | D | 91. | C |
| 24. | C | 58. | C | 92. | B |
| 25. | C | 59. | A | 93. | B |
| 26. | C | 60. | B | 94. | A |
| 27. | C | 61. | A | 95. | A |
| 28. | C | 62. | A | 96. | A |
| 29. | A | 63. | D | 97. | D |
| 30. | A | 64. | A | 98. | B |
| 31. | A | 65. | A | 99. | C |
| 32. | C | 66. | D | 100. | B |
| 33. | C | 67. | B | | |
| 34. | C | 68. | B | | |