

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions in 200 words each.

21. How do individualism and independence go hand in hand, according to Emerson?
22. Why was Gettysburg address important in the civil war?
23. What is the central idea of the poem 'Nature'?
24. How can 'Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking' be described about the birth of the poet?
25. Summarise the story of 'Let Me Feel Pulse'.
26. Narrate the life led by Hester Prynne after her release from the prison.
27. Why did Pearl, the daughter of Hester Prynne behave unruly?

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in 300 words each.

28. 'Emerson believes in man's ability to make his own choices' — Discuss.
29. Critically appreciate the poem 'Brahma'.
30. Consider 'O Captain! My Captain!' as an elegy.
31. Destruction of the natural environment is the theme 'Pigeon Feathers' — Discuss.
32. Is Scarlet Letter a puritan novel? How?

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Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (20 × 1 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

1. The first settlers who became the founding fathers were _____.
(a) Puritans (b) Whigs (c) Tories
2. The American puritans were _____.
(a) reformers (b) idealists (c) non-believers
3. The _____ valued a piece of literary work through its usefulness.
(a) English (b) Puritans (c) Americans
4. Transcendentalists were _____ thinkers.
(a) radical (b) irrational (c) ideal
5. Transcendentalists believed in _____.
(a) self-promotion (b) self analysis (c) self reliance
6. Transcendentalists also placed significant emphasis on _____.
(a) imagination (b) interpretation (c) evaluation
7. The American war was fought against _____.
(a) Britain (b) Sweden (c) Canada

8. The United States won its independence in the year _____.
(a) 1788 (b) 1784 (c) 1783
9. Before _____ the leaders of anti-slavery republican party wanted to put an end to the spreading of slavery
(a) American Civil war (b) American War of Independence (c) World War II
10. It was president _____ who issued the Emancipation Proclamation to liberate all slaves.
(a) George Bush (b) Abraham Lincoln (c) John F. Kennedy
11. Thoreau had a great respect for _____.
(a) landscape (b) money (c) power
12. _____ is a speech delivered by Abraham Lincoln in 1863.
(a) Phi Beta Kappa Address (b) Gettysburg Address (c) Address on American taxation
13. In 'Nature' the poet tells us how nature leads us from _____ to death.
(a) life (b) disease (c) fall
14. 'Brahma' is influenced by _____.
(a) Upanishad (b) Katha-Upanishad (c) The Gita
15. 'Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking' describes a _____ awakening as a poet.
(a) young boy's (b) young girl's (c) young man's
16. The speaker of the poem 'O Captain! My Captain!' is _____.
(a) Emily Dickinson (b) Robert Frost (c) Walt Whitman
17. 'The Cask of Amontillado' by Allan Poe is a story of _____.
(a) revenge (b) love (c) horror
18. The narrator of 'Bartleby the Scrivener' runs a _____ in Newyork.
(a) business organisation (b) law practice (c) departmental store
19. Hester Prynne must wear a scarlet as a sign of _____.
(a) power (b) blood (c) shame
20. _____ is Hester Prynne's husband.
(a) Roger Chillingworth (b) Roger Kenitworth (c) Roger Pennyworth