

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

MA PART I

Paper IV- Nineteenth and Twentieth Century American Literature

- Q1. The early settlers in New England were
- A. Catholics
 - B. Protestants
 - C. Africans
 - D. Europeans
- Q2. The Frontiersman in the so-called Wild West is also known as
- A. Superman
 - B. Cowboy
 - C. Tattlers
 - D. Vernaculars
- Q3. The termgenerally refers to a mythic concept considered by some critics and scholars to be the central element of American literature.
- A. American Eve
 - B. American Adam
 - C. American Man
 - D. American Hero
- Q4. The term 'American Renaissance' was first coined by
- A. Martin Luther King
 - B. Walt Whitman
 - C. Herman Melville
 - D. F.O. Matthiessen
- Q5. In the novel "Billy Budd", Captain Vere's most symbolic and controversial act is ____
- A. **the trial and execution of Billy
 - B. Recruiting Billy on H.M.S. Bellipotent
 - C. Discharging Billy of his duties
 - D. Promoting Claggart
- Q6. In the novel "Billy Budd", Billy Budd is -----
- A. Captain of H.M.S. Bellipotent

- B. Foretopman on H.M.S. Bellipotent
 - C. Purser on H.M.S. Bellipotent
 - D. Captain of H.M.S. Bellipotent
- Q7. The mood in the poem “ Negro Speaks of Rivers ” is
- A. Solemn and proud
 - B. Happy and gay
 - C. Patriotic
 - D. Religious
- Q8. Which of the following poems is Not written by Langston Hughes?
- A. I Too Sing America
 - B. Mother to son
 - C. Dream Variations
 - D. The Snow Man
- Q9. ‘As I Grow Older’ is a poem by
- A. Harley James
 - B. Langston Hughes
 - C. Tennessee Williams
 - D. Mark Twain
- Q10. The most obvious difference between the worlds of ---- and ----- lies in the diversity of their backgrounds.
- A. Blanche DuBois and Stella Kowalski
 - B. Blanche DuBois and Stanley Kowalski
 - C. Harold Mitchell and Stella Kowalski
 - D. Harold Mitchell and Stanley Kowalski
- Q11. Blanche tells Stella that Belle Reve, their ancestral home, has been ---.
- A. Renovated
 - B. given on rent
 - C. demolished
 - D. lost due to foreclosed mortgage
- Q12. The first section of the novel, *The Sound and the Fury* deals with memories from
- A. Benjy's life
 - B. Quentin's life
 - C. Jason's life
 - D. Caddy's life

Q13. In the novel, "The sound and the Fury",_____ has intense concern over Caddy's behavior.

- A. Quentin
- B. Benjy
- C. Luther
- D. Jason

Q14. In *The Assistant*, Bernard Malamud offers numerous reflections on the nature of _____.

- A. Islam
- B. Judaism
- C. Buddhism
- D. Hinduism

Q15. In the novel, "The Temple of My Familiar" character of ---- is born many times

- A. Lissie
- B. Carlotta
- C. Mr. Hal
- D. Arveyda
