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Maximum Weight : 25

**Part A**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each bunch of four questions carries a weight of 1.*

I. Choose the correct answer from the following :

1 The middle-aged man who is the only one of the party goers to attend Gatsby's funeral :

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| (a) Dan Cody.     | (b) "Owl Eyes".   |
| (c) Jordan Baker. | (d) Tom Buchanan. |

2 What was the ulterior motive of Gatsby in settling in West Egg :

- (a) He wanted to be reunited with his lost love.
- (b) He wanted to gain name and fame in the locality.
- (c) He wanted to make friends with Nick.
- (d) He wanted to throw parties during the weekends.

3 How did Gatsby meet his end ?

- (a) He was drowned in the swimming pool.
- (b) He was shot by Wilson.
- (c) He was killed in a car accident.
- (d) He was killed by Daisy.

4 Why did Wilson think that his wife was murdered ?

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| (a) Daisy told him so. | (b) Tom misled him.        |
| (c) Nick was helpless. | (d) Gatsby was victimized. |

**Turn over**



II. 5 How did the Policemen arrive, in Thurber's story ?

- (a) In a Police Jeep.
- (b) In a Ford Sedan and two motorcycles.
- (c) The reporters brought them.
- (d) Grandfather gave them a lift.

6 Which character seems to be in perpetual terror in "The Shape of the Sword" :

- (a) Vincent Moon.
- (b) The Irishman.
- (c) The author.
- (d) None of the above.

7 What was Acton's reply to the anticipated question ?

- (a) Srijut was a valued staff of his office.
- (b) He was concerned about the health of Sharma.
- (c) He brought a gold watch with an inscription in it.
- (d) Monday was an auspicious day to begin a work.

8 "There was no man about our house ; says the author because :

- (a) There was only one woman in the street where they lived.
- (b) Men did not stay at home and lived in the mines.
- (c) Their father had deserted them.
- (d) The mother was the breadwinner.

III. 9 They neglected all their old tasks and kept only their revelries. This shows how even the young ones of the village :

- (a) Have been westernized to the point where they completely neglect their own traditions and beliefs.
- (b) Have not accepted the westernization that was brought by the Europeans.
- (c) Are all lazy and rarely take up responsibilities.
- (d) Never care for the revelries.

10 Angela is shown as an :

- (a) Arrogant woman born in the slums.
- (b) The delicate urban bred who loves Toni.
- (c) An epitome of the women of Miguel street.
- (d) Ill-mannered woman disturbing the neighbourhood.



11 "I know very little of the girl who is going to become my wife : Why ?

- (a) He didn't get an opportunity to see her.
- (b) That is enough for his purpose.
- (c) Because she is small, fair, and stout.
- (d) He didn't care about her.

12 Why does the bank manager argue for death penalty, in "The Bet"

- (a) Life imprisonment costs much for the state.
- (b) Death penalty frightens people from committing crimes.
- (c) Death penalty kills a man at once but life imprisonment kills him slowly.
- (d) It is the duty of an ideal society to kill the grave criminals.

IV. 13 The Gessler brothers had their shoe shop at :

- (a) The East End.
- (b) The West End.
- (c) The Round Tana.
- (d) The London Bridge.

14 What did the verger do with the old gowns ?

- (a) He burnt them.
- (b) He wrapped them in brown paper and kept them in the wardrobe.
- (c) He made pillow covers with them.
- (d) He used them to clean the vestry.

15 What is luck according to Paul's mother ?

- (a) Having lots of money.
- (b) Enjoying all the conveniences of life.
- (c) It is what causes one to have money.
- (d) Winning every race you bet on.

16 The extraordinary gentleman who appeared in the courtroom in "The Last Judgement" was :

- (a) The dead Policeman.
- (b) The Judge.
- (c) The Omniscient God.
- (d) Kugler.

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