

## UG TRB ENGLISH

## UNIT-5: AMERICAN LITERATURE

("Battle of Ants"; "Nature"; "Happiness"; "Brahma")

- 1) Which of the following best described Thoreau's style in "Battle of Ants"?
  - a) **Self-conscious**
  - b) Traditional and conservative
  - c) Unintelligible and archaic
  - d) Lacking in philosophical depth
  
- 2) Thoreau's "Battle of Ants" appears in
  - a) **Walden, or Life in the Woods**
  - b) Politics of Nature
  - c) Silent Spring
  - d) The Comedy of Survival
  
- 3) How does Thoreau describe the red ant?
  - a) Democrat
  - b) Imperialist
  - c) Capitalist
  - d) **Republican**
  
- 4) How does Thoreau describe the black ant?
  - a) Democrat
  - b) **Imperialist**
  - c) Capitalist
  - d) Republican
  
- 5) What did Thoreau notice about the eyes of the injured ant?
  - a) They were closed.
  - b) They were peaceful.
  - c) **They shone with ferocity.**
  - d) They were injured but open.
  
- 6) H.W.Long Fellow's Nature is a/ an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a) Ode
  - b) **Sonnet**
  - c) Elegy
  - d) Satire
  
- 7) What image is presented in H.W.Long Fellow's Nature?
  - a) Lover and lady love in a conversation
  - b) **A mother leading her unwilling child to bed**
  - c) A mother caressing her children
  - d) A lover morning for his lady love
  
- 8) How did the black ant deal with the severed heads of its foes?
  - a) It left them untouched.

- b) It ate them.  
c) It attempted to reattach them.  
d) **It displayed them as trophies.**
- 9) H.W.Long Fellow's Nature is written using \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) **Iambic pentameter**  
b) Octa syllabic couplet  
c) Heroic couplet  
d) Alexandrine
- 10) Who is mentioned as a modern author who appeared to have witnessed ant battles?  
a) Thoreau  
b) Aeneas Sylvius  
c) Olaus Magnus  
d) **Huber**
- 11) What did Thoreau use to examine the ants' actions more closely?  
a) A magnifying glass  
b) A telescope  
c) **A microscope**  
d) Binoculars
- 12) Carl Sandburg's "Happiness" is a about  
a) Amassing wealth  
b) **Living the present moment**  
c) Making money  
d) Enjoying other's hard work
- 13) Why did Thoreau place the chip of wood under the tumbler?  
a) To protect the ants from predators  
b) **To observe the ants' behavior**  
c) To keep them as pets  
d) To conduct scientific research
- 14) Whom did Carl Sandburg first ask about the meaning of Happiness?  
a) Philosophers  
b) Teachers  
c) **Professors**  
d) Nomads
- 15) Find out the order of people whom Carl Sandburg approached in order to know the meaning of happiness?  
a) Teachers, Professors, Philosophers  
b) Executives, Professors, Musicians  
c) Professors, Executives, Musicians  
d) **None of the above**
- 16) What historical battle is mentioned in relation to the ant battle?  
a) The Battle of Antietam  
b) **The Battle of Bunker Hill**

- c) The Battle of Gettysburg  
d) The Battle of Trafalgar
- 17) Who were the company of the Hungarians that Carl Sandburg saw under the tree?  
a) Books, Women and children, a keg of beer and an accordion  
b) Women and children, a keg of beer and a mandolin  
c) **Women and children, a keg of beer and an accordion**  
d) Mules, Books, Women and children, a keg of beer
- 18) According to Thoreau, which color of ants was victorious in the battle?  
a) The red ants  
b) **The black ants**  
c) Both sides had casualties, but no victor.  
d) The passage doesn't mention the outcome.
- 19) How does R.W. Emerson envision Brahma?  
a) A sort of god  
b) A sort of universal spirit  
c) **A sort of universal energy**  
d) A sort of deity
- 20) What does Emerson advice at the end of Brahma?  
a) To learn to love  
b) To seek God  
c) To be meek  
d) **To seek Good and turn one's back towards heaven**
- 21) Who was the President during the time of the ant battle witnessed by Thoreau?  
a) Thomas Jefferson  
b) **James K. Polk**  
c) Abraham Lincoln  
d) John F. Kennedy
- 22) R.W. Emerson's Brahma shows influence from  
a) Opium  
b) Transcendentalism  
c) **Vedas**  
d) Maya
- 23) What analogy does Thoreau use to describe a battle between ants?  
a) A love story  
b) A political election  
c) **A war between nations**  
d) A mortal combat
- 24) In the ant battle, which color of ants was pitted against the other?  
a) Red vs. Red  
b) Black vs. Black  
c) **Red vs. Black**  
d) Yellow vs. Green

- 25) The battle which Thoreau witnessed took place in the Presidency of Polk, \_\_\_\_\_ before the passage of Webster's Fugitive Slave Bill.
- Three years
  - Five years**
  - Two years
  - Seven years
- 26) The engagement between great and small ants is recorded by \_\_\_\_\_, in which the small ones, being victorious, are said to have buried the bodies of their own soldiers, but left those of their giant enemies a prey to the birds.
- Aeneas Sylvius
  - Olaus Magnus**
  - Kirby
  - Spence
- 27) "This event happened previous to the expulsion of the tyrant Christiern the Second from Sweden." What historical event is mentioned?
- Santa María School massacre
  - Shamkhor massacre
  - Stockholm Bloodbath**
  - Moro Crater massacre
- 28) How does Thoreau describe the condition of the black ant after the battle?
- Unharmed and victorious
  - Severely injured and crippled**
  - Covered in blood and gore
  - Completely exhausted and defeated
- 29) The poem "Brahma" a synthesis of
- Eastern and Western philosophy**
  - American and Indian history
  - Metaphysics and science
  - Poetry and prose
- 30) How does Brahma describe his role in human experiences?
- He is absent in human experiences
  - He is the cause of all human experiences**
  - He observes human experiences from a distance
  - He has no connection to human experiences

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