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M.A. (IIIrd Semester) Examination, Jan.-2023

ENGLISH

Paper - FA-ENG-CC-301

(American Literature)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 75

The question paper contains three Sections.

Section-A

(Marks : 2 × 10 = 20)

Note :- Answer all *ten* questions (Answer limit **50** words). Each question carries **2** marks.

Section-B

(Marks : 5 × 5 = 25)

Note :- Answer all *five* questions. Each question has internal choice (Answer limit **200** words). Each question carries **5** marks.

Section-C

(Marks : 10 × 3 = 30)

Note :- Answer any *three* questions out of four (Answer limit **500** words). Each question carries **10** marks.

Section-A

1. (i) What is one of the most common settings for Robert Frost's poems ? His poetry provides a link between what two literary movements ?

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- (ii) Who is considered by many to be the 'Father of American poetry' and America's first democratic poet ? What are his overarching themes ?
- (iii) Point out any *two* distinctive characteristics which you find in Emily Dickinson's poetry.
- (iv) What effect does the use of 'Daddy' instead of 'Father' have on Sylvia Plath's poem 'Daddy' ?
- (v) What does Emerson mean when he states : 'one must be an inventor to read well' ?
- (vi) What did Walden Pond represent in the life and mind of Henry David Thoreau ?
- (vii) What is the purpose of 'The Custom-House' in 'The Scarlet Letter' ?
- (viii) What is the significance of river in the novel 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' ?
- (ix) In 'The Hairy Ape' by Eugene O'Neill, who is normally referred to as 'Yank' ? Why is he called Yank ?
- (x) What does Willy mean when he says, 'You can't eat the orange, and throw the peel away—a man is not a piece of fruit' ?

Section-B

2. Comment on the appropriateness of the symbols in Whitman's 'When Lilacs Last in the Door-yard Bloom'd'.

Or

Discuss Robert Frost's poem 'West-Running Brook' in terms of its commentary on life.

3. What kind of traumas do you think the speaker might have experienced in the poem 'After great pain, a formal feeling comes' ?

Or

Discuss the unconventional aspects of E.E. Cummings' poems you have read.

4. What, according to Emerson, are the duties and responsibilities of the American scholar ?

Or

What democratic ideas are formulated by Thoreau in 'Civil Disobedience' ?

5. Would it be right to call Hester a rebel ? What role would you assign her in the novel 'The Scarlet Letter' ?

Or

Justify the ending of 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'.

6. Comment on Eugene O'Neill's use of expressionistic technique in 'The Hairy Ape'.

Or

Comment on the family relationships in Miller's play 'Death of a Salesman'.

Section-C

7. Analyse Robert Frost's poem 'Birches' in terms of his statement : 'Poetry begins in delight and ends in wisdom'.
8. Examine the basic issues involved in Thoreau's 'Civil Disobedience'.
9. 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' is a novel about freedom and integrity. Do you agree ? Give reasons for your opinion.
10. What do you think Arthur Miller is trying to say about 'Success' and the American Dream in 'Death of a Salesman' ? Is he using the story of Willy to put across a message ?