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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021

Sixth Semester

English

AMERICAN LITERATURE

(CBCS – 2017 onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

(10 × 2 = 20)

Answer **all** questions.

1. How does Emerson describe 'Brahma'?
2. What is the main message of 'Raven'?
3. Which road did the speaker choose?
4. Who do you think is inside the casket?
5. What does Emerson say about Self-Reliance?
6. Who won the civil war?
7. Is Blanche attracted to Stanley?
8. Who is Howard Wanger?
9. Why does Isabel refuse to marry Goodwood?
10. How does Dimmesdale atone for his sin?

Part B

(5 × 5 = 25)

Answer **all** questions choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) How does Whitman convey the idea that darkness and hardship cannot last forever?

Or

- (b) How does Emerson bring out the greatness of Brahma?

12. (a) Write a note on the theme of mortality and suffering with reference to the poem 'I felt a funeral in my Brain'.

Or

- (b) How does the Whimsical tone of the poem 'The Emperor of Ice-Cream' impact its meaning.

13. (a) List out the key points of self-reliance.

Or

- (b) What is Lincoln's ideas about democracy and freedom?

14. (a) Briefly sketch the character of Blanch Dubor.

Or

- (b) Write a brief note on the theme of the dangers of modernity.

15. (a) Attempt a brief character sketch of Gilbert Osmond.

Or

- (b) Why is Hester Prynne made to wear the symbol 'A' on her breast?

Part C

(3 × 10 = 30)

Answer any **three** questions.

16. 'The Raven is a musical poem with supernatural atmosphere and stylized language story and imagery'. Discuss.
17. 'The Road not taken describes the crisis of making the right choice' - Elaborate.
18. Analyse "The Gettysburg Address" as pro-democratic.
19. 'The Death of a salesman is a typical example of the American dream'. Elucidate.
20. What aspects of feminism is found in the novel 'The Portrait of a Lady'?
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