

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2014

Semester - V

English

Course : H-12 (Core)

(American Literature)

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are equal value.

Answer **any four** questions.

4×10=40

1. (a) Comment on the features of the 18th Century American Enlightenment.

or

- (b) Give an account of the American fiction and poetry which developed during the 19th Century in the American Romantic period.

2. (a) Consider the significance of the little, 'Crossing Brooklyn Ferry'.

or

- (b) Analyse Frost as a modernist poet with reference to the poems in your syllabus.

3. (a) Does Plath use death as a trope of performance in the poem "Lady Lazarus"? – Substantiate.

or

- (b) Critically analyse Rita Dove's 'Daystar'.

4. Examine the rhetorical devices employed by Martin Luther King Jr. in his speech "I have a Dream" in order to clinch his argument.

5. (a) Analyse Poe's story "The Purloined Letter" as a tale of ratiocination.

or

- (b) Examine the combination of beauty and evil in Hawthorne's world of imagination with reference to the short story "Rappaccini's Daughter".

6. In *The Dutchman* Baraka explores psychosexual and interracial tensions. Discuss with reference to the play.

7. Comment critically on the social and moral implications of the 'Negro' experience in *Huckleberry Finn*.
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