

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2018
Semester-V
English
Course: H-12 (Core)
(American Literature)

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value

Answer **Question no. 1** and **any three** from the rest

1. a) “Emerson is a nation maker”. — Do you agree? Justify your answer.

Or

- b) Attempt a brief survey of the Black American’s concern with issues of identity in American literature.

2. a) Critically comment on the portrayal of the mother in Sylvia Plath’s poem “Morning Song”. How would you relate the title to the portrayal?

Or

- b) “Death is Dickinson’s beloved”. — Discuss with reference to her poems.

3. a) Poe’s “The Purloined Letter” exhibits the perfect combination of the “physical” and the “mental” in the detective story, to produce the “balanced” tale. Do you agree? Justify your answer.

Or

- b) Yamamoto’s stories are often described as “layered in metaphor, imagery and irony”. Discuss with reference to the story “Seventeen Syllables”.

4. Toni Morrison’s *Beloved* is a study of the psychological impact of slavery. — Discuss.

5. Edward Albee’s *The Zoo Story* is a vivid comment on violence and aggression inherent in human nature and society. — Discuss.

6. a) Critically examine the theme and features of Abraham Lincoln’s “The Gettysburg Address”.

Or

- b) Comment critically on Martin Luther King’s presentation of his dream in the speech entitled “I Have a Dream”.
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