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M. A. (Final) EXAMINATION, 2020

ENGLISH

Paper Third

(American Literature)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt all questions. All questions carry equal marks.

Unit—I

1. “ ‘When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed’ is the authentic expression of the poet’s poignant grief he shared with countless countrymen.” Justify.

Or

Critically evaluate Dickinson’s ‘Success is Counted Sweetest’ *or* ‘Hope is the Thing with Feathers’.

Unit—II

2. ‘Frost imparts wisdom in an artistic manner.’ Discuss taking into consideration the poems prescribed.

Or

Write a critical appreciation of ‘Daddy’ *or* ‘Lady Lazarus’.

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Unit—III

3. Emerson always “Stood firm on moral ground and admonished his fellows to turn their eyes from evil, to have faith in themselves and in one another, and to seek God through Nature.” Discuss taking into consideration ‘Self-Reliance’.

Or

Critically evaluate Thoreau’s ‘Civil Disobedience’.

Unit—IV

4. In ‘The Hairy Ape’ O’ Neill employs the method of expressionism and symbolism as an excellent medium for satire and social comment. Discuss.

Or

‘The Glass Menagerie’ is a remarkable study of frustration told through Tom who reminisces about his family. Discuss focussing on the main plot of the play.

Or

Comment on the character of Willy Loman in ‘Death of a Salesman’.

Or

Discuss the theme in Albee’s ‘Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf’.

Unit—V

5. Faulkner depicted with psychological accuracy the fall of innocence into corruption. Discuss taking into consideration ‘The Sound and the Fury’.

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Or

Comment on the character of Santiago in ‘The Old Man and the Sea’.

Or

‘The Scarlet Letter’ is a lovely novel of human frailty and sorrow. Justify focussing on the character of Hester Prynne.

Or

Mark Twain’s masterpiece ‘Huckleberry Finn’ shows “a more mature point of view” and explores “richer strata of human experience.” Justify giving illustrations from the text.

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