B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019 III Year V Semester American Literature - I (Poetry and Fiction)

Time : 3 Hours

Max.marks :75

Section A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$ Marks

Answer any **TEN** questions

- 1. Name any two famous American short story writers.
- 2. Name any two Depression era American writers.
- I stand amid the roar
 Of a surf-tormented shore,
 And I hold within my hand.
- 4. To me every hour of the light and dark is a miracle, Every cubic inch of space is a miracle.
- 5. I was so out of things, Id never heard of the Jehovahs Witnesses.
- 6. Bit my pretty red heart in two. I was ten when they buried you.
- 7. Why does the narrator go to a river bank in Langston Hughess poem Life is Fine?
- 8. What is the poem The Gold Key all about?
- 9. How does Santiago battle with the fish?
- 10. Who is the narrator in the novel The Great Gatsby?
- 11. What does the book The Color Purple mean?
- 12. Who is the snow man?

Section B $(5 \times 5 = 25)$ Marks

Answer any **FIVE** questions

- 13. Write a paragraph on the common themes found in American poetry.
- 14. Comment of the sceptical position of life as presented in Edgar Allan Poes A Dream within a Dream.
- 15. How does Sylvia Plath bring out the hatred and contempt for Hitler in Daddy?
- 16. Analyse the circumstances that force the narrator to turn optimistic in Langston Hughes Life is Fine.

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- 17. Describe Santiagos struggle in the mid sea with the killer sharks.
- 18. Explain the hypocrisy and artificiality of people as presented in Cummings The Cambridge ladies who lived in furnished souls.
- 19. Enumerate a few moments and things that Walt Whitman believes to be miracles.

Section C $(3 \times 10 = 30)$ Marks

Answer any **THREE** questions

- 20. Give a detailed analysis of any two major themes of American fiction from the novels prescribed.
- 21. Present a critical appreciation of Robert Frosts After Apple Picking.
- 22. Bring out the differences between the free bird and the caged bird as highlighted in Maya Angelous poem.
- 23. How is death portrayed in Emily Dickinsons Because I could not stop For Death?
- 24. Discuss Gatsbys Character as Nick perceives him throughout the novel. What makes Gatsby great?

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