

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019
I Year II Semester
American Literature

Time : 3 Hours

Max.marks :75

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

Answer any **TEN** questions

1. What does the title Birches mean?
2. How the jar influences the wilderness in Anecdote of the jar?
3. What kind of a play is 'Long Days journey into the night'?
4. State the background of the play Night Mother which forms the setting of the play.
5. What are the major themes in The Color Purple?
6. Who is Huckleberry Finns best friend?
7. What does the text Walden reflect upon?
8. How A Fable for Tomorrow is related to our ecosystem?
9. Who is the old man in The Old Man at the Bridge?
10. To which native clan does Corliss Joseph belong?
11. How does the ferry man admire the things around him in Crossing the Brooklyn Ferry?
12. Who is Celie and what does she symbolise?

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

Answer any **FIVE** questions

13. Comment on the imagery used in Because I Could not Stop for Death.
14. Sketch the character of Mary Tyrone in Long Days journey into the night .
15. How The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn provides a detail narration of people and places along the Mississippi river?
16. Where does Thoreau moves and what sort of thoughts are borne due to the solitary confinement?
17. Describe the plot of The Fall of the House of Usher.
18. How do the female characters in The Color Purple determine their lives?
19. What type of town is presented in Any one Lived in a Pretty How Town?

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

Answer any **THREE** questions

20. Explain in detail about the poetic technique involved in Gwendolyn Brooks Kitchenette Building.
21. How the play Night Mother can be subjected to the study of feministic approach? Explain with reference to the characters in play.
22. How the theme of gender has been deftly handled by Alice Walker in The Color Purple?
23. Describe the way in which Carson expresses her concern for America in A Fable for Tomorrow.
24. Why do the townspeople come to Emily's funeral? How Faulkner presents Emily in A Rose for Emily?

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