

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2020
III Year VI Semester
American Literature

Time : 3 Hours

Max.marks :75

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Answer any **TEN** questions

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2. How does frost define poetry?
3. What does "Divine Majority" mean in the poem, '*The Soul selects her own Society*'?
4. Whom does Whitman refer to as 'captain' and what does the 'ship' represent?
5. What is the tone of the poem, *The Mother*?
6. Comment on the use of imageries in the Poem Wealth.
7. Who is more racked by guilt, Hester or Dimmesdale? Why?
8. What makes Maureen beautiful in the eyes of Claudia?
9. Who was Madeline and what was she suffering from?
10. What is the cause of Mrs. Mallard's death according to the doctor? Is it true?
11. Where does Tom go at night in *The Glass Menagerie*? Why?
12. Why was it not easy for Chris to marry Ann in *All My Sons*?

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

Answer any **FIVE** questions

13. "Like a piece of ice on a hot stove, the poem must ride on its own melting." Explain the imagery employed by Frost.
14. How does Emily Dickinson personify the soul?
15. Discuss in detail the transition in the tone of the poem, 'When I was growing up'.
16. Bring out the clash of values in the short story, '*The Son from America*'.
17. Why is Joe Keller a classic tragic hero?
18. Compare and contrast the two scaffold scenes in *Scarlet Letter*.

19. Write in detail the views of Caryl Churchill on career and motherhood with regard to the drama, '*Top Girls*'.

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

Answer any **THREE** questions

20. What does Emerson think of people who call for consistency in thought and action and who fear being misunderstood?
21. Discuss the climax of the short story, '*Fall of the House of Usher*'.
22. Discuss Emerson as a transcendentalism with reference to Brahma.
23. Bring out the symbolism in *The Glass Menagerie*.
24. Explain the significance of the title, *The Bluest Eye*.

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