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B.A. END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS APRIL - 2022

SEMESTER - VI

17UELCT6A14 - American Literature

Total Duration : 3 Hrs.

Total Marks : 60

Section A

Answer any **SIX** questions ($6 \times 5 = 30$ Marks)

1. Why does Emerson claim that we need self reliance in studies of religion?
2. Comment on the title of the poem *O Captain My Captain*.
3. In what ways could *The Scarlet Letter* be read as a commentary on the era of American history it describes?
4. What does *The Son from America* reveal about the clash of values?
5. Describe the main conflict in *The Glass Menagerie*.
6. Mention the literary devices used in the poem *The Mother*.
7. How does Emerson describe *Brahma*?
8. Mrs Mallard died out of the "joy that kills". How?

Section B

Answer any **THREE** questions ($3 \times 10 = 30$ Marks)

9. Give a detailed analysis of the prose *The Figure A Poem Makes* by Robert Frost.
10. Elucidate the theme of feminism and identity in the poem *When I was growing up*.
11. Justify Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* as a tragic narrative.
12. How does imagination play a crucial role in the story *The Fall of the House of Usher*?
13. Caryl Churchill elucidates the issue of the compatibility of profession and family for contemporary women. Discuss in detail with reference to the drama *Top Girls*.
