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B.A.(Eng) END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS APRIL-2023

SEMESTER - VI

**17UELCT6A14 - American Literature**

Total Duration : 2 Hrs 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

### **Section B**

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

1. Explain the American ideals which are expressed through Robert Frost's poems.
2. Describe Emerson's conception of God, Nature and their relationship to one another.
3. Relate to the historical context of the Poem "O Captain My Captain" and express your views.
4. Illustrate racism and sexual violence in Toni Morrison's "*The Bluest Eye*".
5. Interpret the significance of the title of the novel "*Scarlet Letter*" by Nathaniel Hawthorne.
6. Classify the major conflicts in Kate Chopin's "*The Story of an Hour*".
7. Prepare a sketch of symbols in "*Glass Menagerie*" and differentiate those which represent reality from those which represent illusion.
8. Examine how Arthur Miller introduces the past and show the effects of the past on the Kellers, without employing flashbacks.

### **Section C**

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

9. Describe Emerson's ideas about the fundamental relationship between Humanity and Nature.
10. Identify the poetic devices used in "The Soul selects her own Society" and prepare a detailed essay on its significance.
11. Examine the qualities of feminist literature in "*Scarlet Letter*" by Nathaniel Hawthorne.
12. Prepare a detailed analysis on Edgar Allan Poe's "*The Fall of the House of Usher*".
13. Attempt a critique on the characters employed by Tennessee Williams in his *Glass Menageire*.

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