

SHRIMATHI DEVKUNVAR NANALAL BHATT VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
(AUTONOMOUS)

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B.A. English - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOV'2024

SEMESTER - V

20UELCT5010 - American Literature

Total Duration : 2 Hrs.30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

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

1. Interpret how Walt Whitman connects the miracles of nature and city life in his poem *Miracles*?
2. What do the tulips symbolize in Sylvia Plath's poem *Tulips*? Explain
3. Analyse the significance of Emerson's quote that 'the soul is no traveller, the wise man stays at home' in the essay *Self Reliance*.
4. Identify the main theme of Abraham Lincoln's *Second Inaugural Speech*.
5. Describe Edgar Allan Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado" as a chilling tale of revenge.
6. Summarise the Short Story 'The Cactus' by O. Henry.
7. Sketch the Character of Brutus Jones in Eugene O'Neill's play *The Emperor Jones*.
8. Is Racism eradicable? Examine with reference to Harper Lee's novel *To Kill a Mocking Bird*.

Section C

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

9. Construct an essay on the autobiographical elements in the poem *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou.
10. Does Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech remain powerful and relevant for today? Justify.
11. Explain the central idea in the short story *The Minister's Black Veil* by Nathaniel Hawthorne.
12. Discuss the theme of the complexities of human nature in the play *The Glass Menagerie*.
13. Critically analyse Ernest Hemingway's Novella *The Old Man and the Sea*.
