

AH – 1087 (A) CV-19
B.A. (Part-III)
Term End Examination, 2019-20
ENGLISH LITERATURE
Paper-II (A)
American Literature

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 75

Note : Answer all questions. The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

1. Explain any **Three** of the following with reference to the context : **[5 X 3]**

- (a) But O heart ! Heart ! Heart !
O the bleeding drops of red
Where on the deck my captain lies
Fallen cold and death.

Or

I am the seed ground. I am the prairie that will stand for much plowing,
Terrible storms pass over me

- (b) And then I heard them lift a box
And creak across my soul
With those same boots of lead
Then space began to toll.

Or

Deeds cannot dream what dreams can do time is a tree this life one leaf but live is the
sky and I am for you just go long and enough.

- (c) I believe that man will not merely endure : he will prevail. He is immortal not because
he along among creatures has an inexhaustible voice but because he has a soul, a
spirit capable of compassions and sacrifice and endurance.

Or

There us a place among the works of Machiavelli where he says that coming home at
evening from the fields, dusty and tired out he doffs his outdoor clothes, dresses himself
for a new part and entering his study becomes a king.

- (d) Because certain things have to be and certain things can never be, like the sun has to
rise, it has to be that's why there's God otherwise anything could happen but there's
God, so certain things can never happen.

Or

"Take it easy, see give us a rest, Nix on de lous noise.... Can't you see I am trying to
think."

2. Write short notes on any **five** of the following : **[2x5]**

- (a) Naturalism
(b) Realism and commonlife
(c) Art for Art's Sake
(d) Salient features of Poetic Drama
(e) American Romanticism

- (f) Symbolism
- (g) Existentialism

3. Answer the following questions in about 300 – 400 words each :

- (a) Write a note on Walt Whitman's imagery the poems which you have studied. [10]

Or

Describe the major characteristics of the poetry of Carl Sandburg.

- (b) Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Hope is the thing with feathers'. [10]

Or

Write an essay of Cummings as a poet highlighting the major qualities of his poetry.

- (c) Give a critical analysis of Faulkner's Nobel Prize acceptance speech in your own words. [10]

Or

Write a critical appreciation of Walt Whitman's 'Preface to Leaves of Grass'.

- (d) Do you feel that the title of the play 'All My Sons' is appropriate? Discuss. [10]

Or

Discuss the theme of the search for self in O' Neill's play 'The Hairy Ape'.

- (e) Bring out the art of plot construction as displayed by Hemingway in 'A Farewell to Arms'. [10]

Or

Do you feel that the title 'The Sound and the Fury' is appropriate to the theme of the novel?