

AE-1094

B.A. (Part - III)
Term End Examination, 2016-17

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 : 5×3

(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

(2)

- (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 so long and long 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,
dressess 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

(3)

“Take it easy, see give us a rest. Nix on de lous noise can’t you see I am trying to think.”

2. Define any **five** of the following terms : 2×5

- (a) Naturalism
- (b) Realism
- (c) Art for Arts Sake
- (d) Poetic Drama
- (e) Symbolism
- (f) American Renaissance
- (g) Existentialism

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

- (a) Write a critical appreciation of Walt Whitman’s poem ‘O Captain ! My Captain’. 10

OR

Write a note on Carl Sandburg as a poet highlighting the major qualities of his poetry.

- (b) Write a critical appreciation of Emily Dickinson’s ‘Hope is the Thing with Feathers’ in your own words. 10

OR

(4)

Bring out the important characteristics of Cummings poetry with reference to poems prescribed in your course.

- (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 ?
