



AI-1412

M. A. (Final)

Term End Examination, 2020-21

ENGLISH

Paper : Third

American Literature

Time Allowed : Three hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Minimum Pass Marks : 36

Note : Answer all questions. Marks are against questions.

1. Explain with reference to the context on any four of the following : $5 \times 4 = 20$

(a) "When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd,
And the great star early droop'd in the western
sky in the night,

I mourn'd, and yet shall mourn with ever-
returning spring.

(b) Success is counted sweetest

By those who ne'er succeed
To comprehend a nectar
Requires sorest need.

(c) Complacencies of the peignoir, and late
Coffee and oranges in a sunny chair,
And the green freedom of a cockatoo
Upon a rug mingle to dissipate
The holy hush of ancient sacrifice.

(d) Not easy to state the change you made.
If I am alive now then I was dead,
Though, like a stone, unbothered by it,
Staying put according to habit.

(e) "There is a coarse and boisterous money-making fellow in the outskirts of our town, who is going to build a bank-wall under the hill along the edge of his meadow. The powers have put this into his head to keep him out of mischief, and he wishes me to spend three weeks digging there with him. The result will

be that he will be that he will perhaps get some more money to hoard, and leave for his heirs to spend foolishly."

(f) "I don't say he's a great man. Willy Loman never made a lot of money. His name was never in the paper. He's not the finest character that ever lived. But he's a human being, and a terrible thing is happening to him. So attention must be paid. He's to be allowed to fall in his grave like an old dog."

(g) "And I'm bloody glad of it,
for one ! Serve 'im right !
Puttin' on airs, the stinkin'
nigger ! 'Is Majesty ! Gawd
blimey ! I only 'opes I'm there
When they takes 'im out to
shoot 'im."

(h) "I think it pisses god off if you walk by the colour purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it. People think pleasing god is all God cares about. But any fool living in the world can see it

always trying to please us back".

Unit-I

2. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem, "I hear America singing". 16

Or

Discuss the autobiographical elements in the themes of Emily Dickinson's poems.

Unit-II

3. Write a summary of the poem, "Sunday Morning" by Wallace Stevens. 16

Or

What are the themes in the poems of Sylvia Plath.

Unit-III

4. Discuss Emerson's "American Scholar" as a philosophical work in prose. 16

Or

What are the characteristics of the prose style of Thoreau based on the work you have studied.

Unit-V

5. Evaluate Arthur Miller as a dramatist. 16

Or

Portray the character of Brutus Jones the Emperor
in Eugene O' Neill's "The Emperor Jones".

Unit-V

6. "The colour Purple" is a story of powerful female
relationships". Discuss. 16

Or

Bring out the Biblical references in William
Faulkener's "The sound and the Fury".