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BASENO 356

Credit Based VI Semester B.A. Examination, September 2022

(Common to All Batches)

OPTIONAL ENGLISH

American Literature (Paper – VIII)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 120

UNIT – I

(Back Ground)

1. Answer **any three** of the following in about **150** words **each** : **(3×10=30)**

- a) How is the American Dream reflected in the American Literature ?
- b) What were the reasons for American Civil War ?
- c) Discuss the characteristics of American Puritanism.
- d) Discuss the decline of the Broadway theatre.
- e) How does transcendentalism add a new dimension to American Literature ?

UNIT – II

(Poetry)

2. Answer **any two** of the following in about **300** words **each** : **(2×15=30)**

- a) Critically analyse the poem 'mending wall'.
- b) Briefly explain how Emily Dickinson treats Death in her poems.
- c) Give a critical appreciation of the poem 'O Captain! My Captain!'.
- d) Attempt a critical analysis of the poem 'Because I could not stop for Death'.
- e) Give an analytical summary of the poem 'Stopping by woods on a snowy evening' by Robert Frost.
- f) What impression of Lincoln do we get from the poem 'O Captain! My Captain' ?

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UNIT – III
(Fiction)

3. Answer **any two** of the following in about **300** words **each** : **(2×15=30)**
- a) Discuss the thematic concerns of the novel of Mice and Men.
 - b) Sketch the character of Lennie small.
 - c) Analyse ‘A Farewell to Arms’ as a war novel and a love story.
 - d) Analyse the emotional development of Fredrick Henry in A Farewell to Arms.

UNIT – IV
(Drama)

4. Answer **any two** of the following in about **300** words **each** : **(2×15=30)**
- a) How do the symbols and motifs used in the play The Glass Menagerie contribute to its total effect ?
 - b) Discuss the title of the play The Glass Menagerie.
 - c) Sketch the character of Joe Keller.
 - d) The tragic hero in Miller’s plays is the common man. Elucidate with reference to All My Sons.
