# **B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2018**

## SEMESTER – 6: ENGLISH COPY EDITOR (CORE COURSE)

## COURSE: 15U6CRENG14: AMERICAN LITERATURE

(For Regular - 2015 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

#### PART A

Attempt the following questions, each in a word, phrase or a sentence.

- 1. "He will give the gloom of gloom, and the sunshine of sunshine." The pronoun "He" refers to ---
- 2. The 'fearful trip' is a recall of ----
- 3. "The Battle of the Ants" is an excerpt from------
- 4. "And then hopped sidewise to the wall." Here the poet personifies the bird as a--
- 5. ---- is known as the 'friendly innkeeper of the town'.
- 6. The conversation Mrs. Stevenson overhears is----
- 7. "She is part of the stream that turns it". Richard means---
- 8. The use of etcetera in the final line is ---
- 9. The Horseman in the Sky turned out to be---
- 10. Miniver Cheevy in the poem represents---

### PART B

Answer *any eight* of the following questions, each in two or three sentences.

- 11. Mrs Stevenson is turning neurotic each time the telephone rings. Why?
- 12. Who arrives at the end of "The Story of an Hour"?
- 13. Why did the bird unroll its feathers?
- 14. What does the youth fail to see when he opts for the second gift?
- 15. Define the setting of "A Clean, Well Lighted place".
- 16. How did Isabel contribute to war?
- 17. Define imperialism.
- 18. Why does the poet say "light take the tree"?
- 19. What was Mrs. Mallard's first reaction when she heard about her husband's death?
- 20. Why is Mom disappointed with Fred?

(2 x 8 = 16)

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$ 

## PART C

### Answer any five of the following, each in fifty words

- 21. Comment on the rhetorical strategy employed by Don Delillo in "The Ruins of the Future".
- 22. Discuss the symbolic meaning of apple picking.

- 24. Comment on the frustrating duality in Claude Mckay's "America".
- 25. What is the theme of the poem "The Waking"?
- 26. Do you think that the younger waiter and the older waiter are indeed of two different kinds?
- 27. Why is Dad adamant about maintaining the rule?

#### PART D

#### Answer *any two*, each in not less than 300 words

- 28. A 'brave new world' was opened before Dorothy. Discuss.
- 29. Comment on the structure of the poem " My sweet Old Etcetera"
- 30. Chopin deals with the issues of female self-discovery and identify in the story "The Story of an Hour". Validate.
- 31. Elaborate on the inspiration that Martin Luther King got from Ghana and his vision of America.

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$ 

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(5 x 5 = 25)