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M. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2019
SEMESTER 3 : ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
COURSE : 16P3ENGT11 : AMERICAN LITERATURE
(For Regular - 2018 Admission and Supplementary - 2016/2017 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Section A

Write a short note on any 6 (3 marks each)

1. Write a brief note on the versification of the poem *The Raven*.
2. Character sketch of Mistress Hibbins
3. Explain how the Duke and Dauphin impersonated Peter Wilks' brother?
4. Christ imagery in Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*
5. Attempt a character sketch of Peter in the play *The Zoo Story*.
6. How is Beneatha's progressive thoughts portrayed in the play 'A Raisin in the Sun'?
7. What does Emerson say in his essay about philanthropy and charity?
8. What is the essence of democracy, according to Du Bois?
9. According to Thoreau, why do unjust laws exist?

(3 x 6 = 18)

Section B

Attempt a Paragraph on any 5 (6 marks each)

10. Explain truth and its tenuous nature in the poem "Tell all the truth but tell it slant".
11. The burial of 'rational thinking' in the poem "I felt a funeral in my Brain".
12. Explain the contemplation of death in the poem "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking".
13. Poe's theory of poetry as stated in the essay "The Philosophy of Composition."
14. Why does Stevens end each stanza of the poem with the same line, "the only emperor is the emperor of ice-cream"?
15. The American Revolution
16. Comment on the unusable past in American Writing.
17. Transcendental elements in *The Grapes of Wrath*

(6 x 5 = 30)

Section C

Attempt an Essay on any 1 (12 marks each)

18. Critically comment on the instances of racism and sexism in Alice Walker's essay "In Search of Our Mother's Garden"?
19. "Santiago's story has been widely interpreted as a symbolic representation of Hemingway's vision of himself in 1952." Discuss with reference to *The Old Man and the Sea*
20. Miller's play is an indictment of modern urban civilisation. Discuss.

Section D**Attempt an Essay on any 1 (15 marks each)**

21. "American poetry in general makes the reader realize the seriousness of the issues such as politics, war, humanity, ethics, love, truth, life and death." Elucidate the statement analysing the prescribed poems for your study.
22. How is the American Dream discussed in the plays you have read?
23. What is symbolism? Discuss in the plays that you have read citing examples from them.

(15 x 1 = 15)