

**B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - MARCH 2020****SEMESTER – 6: ENGLISH (CORE COURSE)****COURSE: 15U6CRENG14: AMERICAN LITERATURE**

*(Common for Regular 2017 Admission & Supplementary 2016 /2015 Admissions)*

Time: Three Hours

Max Marks: 75

**PART A**

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

1. What does the 'ship' symbolize in 'O Captain? My Captain!'?
2. The professions of the two brothers in 'The Wives of the Dead'.
3. What does the bird do on the arrival of the beetle in 'A Bird Came Down the Walk'?
4. What was the battle cry of the ants?
5. What happens when the old man gets too drunk in 'A Clean, Well-Lighted Place'?
6. The form used by Theodore Roethke to write 'The Waking'.
7. Name the five gifts of the good fairy.
8. What kind of dress does Miniver hate, and what does he love?
9. What word does Mrs. Mallard repeat over and over while alone in her room?
10. What does the narrator's mother hope for in 'My Sweet Old Etcetera' (1 x 10 = 10)

**PART B**

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

11. Fred's secret in 'Never on Wednesday'. Why was he unable to keep it a secret?
12. Lesson taught by Ghana, according to Martin Luther King Jr.
13. The outcome of the final fight between the three ants as observed by Thoreau.
14. Attitude of Suffolk-Jones towards Anthony Rockwall.
15. The positive outlook of the black man in 'I Too, Sing, America'.
16. What does the bird symbolize in Emily Dickinson's poem?
17. The narrator's answers to the questions of the police officers in 'The Tell-Tale Heart'.
18. What, according to Don DeLillo, was the primary target of the terrorists?
19. Lessons taught by Nature in 'The Waking'.
20. Impact of a good ballad on the reader, according to Emerson. (2 x 8 = 16)

**PART C*****Answer any five of the following, each in fifty words***

21. Examine the weariness of the apple-picker as an outcome of too much expectation.
22. 'My Sweet Old Etcetera' as a severe critique of mindless patriotism promoted by war.
23. Compare and contrast the attitude of Margaret and Mary towards the news of their husbands death.
24. Comment on the cycle of creation and destruction as expressed in 'The Last Question'.
25. Character sketch of Sergeant Duffy.
26. The battle of the ants as a symbolic representation of all human wars.
27. The extended metaphor in the final stanzas of 'A Bird Came Down the Walk'.

(5 x 5 = 25)

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

28. 'The Tell-Tale Heart' as a study in Paranoia.
29. "We should seek not a world where the black race and white race live in harmony, but a world in which the terms 'black' and 'white' have no real political meaning" – Ta-Nehisi Coates. Examine this statement with reference to the poems 'America' and 'I Too, Sing, America'.
30. Evaluate 'Art' as a representation of Emerson's spiritual outlook towards artistic creativity.
31. "While money doesn't buy love, it puts you in a great bargaining position" – Christopher Marlowe. Elaborate with reference to 'Mammon and the Archer'.

(12 x 2 = 24)

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