## **B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - APRIL 2021**

# SEMESTER -6: ENGLISH (CORE COURSE)

COURSE: 15U6CRENG14: AMERICAN LITERATURE

(Common for Regular 2018 admission & Improvement 2017/Supplementary 2017/2016 /2015 admissions)

Time: Three Hours Max Marks: 75

#### **PART A**

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

- 1. What will the narrator dream about when he falls asleep in 'After Apple Picking'?
- 2. What kind of a hell is America, according to Claude McKay?
- 3. Langston Hughes was associated with which influential African American cultural movement?
- 4. Where does the narrator hide the mutilated corpse in 'The Tell Tale Heart'?
- 5. Which event does Don DeLillo's essay deals with?
- 6. Why did Carter Druse shoot the horseman?
- 7. Ellen's gift to Richard in 'Mammon and the Archer'.
- 8. Multivac's response to the 'last question'.
- 9. What similarity does the young man find between Dorothy and the Petunias?
- 10. Name the 'fine arts' mentioned by Emerson.

 $(1 \times 10 = 10)$ 

#### **PART B**

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

- 11. How does George plan to mislead the police after the murder?
- 12. The first gift chosen by the youth. What was the outcome of the choice?
- 13. What is Miniver's reaction to being denied the life he wished to live?
- 14. "She breathed a quick prayer that life might be long. It was only yesterday she had thought with a shudder that life might be long". Comment on the change in outlook of Louise Mallard.
- 15. Martin Luther King Jr.'s comparison of violence and non-violence.
- 16. Comment on the significance of the title 'O Captain! My Captain!'
- 17. Carter's father's response to his son joining the Union regiment.
- 18. The reason behind the old man's attempt at committing suicide according to the waiter.
- 19. The future of America's power and might, according to Claude McKay.
- 20. Significance of the word 'etcetera' in Cummings' poem.

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$ 

#### **PART C**

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

- 21. Money conquering love in 'Mammon and the Archer'.
- 22. The character of the old waiter in 'A Clean Well-Lighted Place'.
- 23. The 'fearful trip' in 'O Captain! My Captain!'
- 24. DeLillo's examination of television coverage on the Gulf War and 9/11 attacks.
- 25. What do the five boons represent?
- 26. The police officer's attempt to dissuade Dorothy from going to Highway No: 77.
- 27. Character sketch of Stephen in 'The Wives of the Dead'.

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$ 

#### **PART D**

## Answer any two each is not less than 300 words

- 28. Comment on domestic life and the role of a wife as envisioned by Hawthorne and Chopin.
- 29. "The development of full Artificial Intelligence could spell the end of the human race" Stephen Hawking. Examine this statement with reference to 'The Last Question'.
- 30. Hemingway's take on loneliness and despair in 'A Clean Well-Lighted place'.
- 31. Rejecting social conformity and embracing the anarchic spirit in 'The Case of the Crushed Petunias'.  $(12 \times 2 = 24)$