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

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Section A**Answer any 6 (3 marks each)**

1. 'Beauty' and the 'Tone of Melancholy' in the poem *The Raven*.
2. Write a note on the tragic sensibility of Emily Dickinson.
3. How did the black women appear to Jean Toomer?
4. What according to Russell Reising are the overriding flaws of seminal studies in American writing ?
5. Dialects in *The Old Man and the Sea*
6. Attempt a character sketch of Peter in the play *The Zoo Story*.
7. Attempt a sketch of Asagai.
8. Commodification of labor
9. What do you think is Thoreau's message when he writes, "After the first blush of sin comes indifference?"

(3 x 6 = 18)**Section B****Answer any 5 (6 marks each)**

10. Why does the poet wish to return in the poem "Birches"?
11. Why does Stevens end each stanza of the poem with the same line, "*the only emperor is the emperor of ice-cream*?" Discuss.
12. The first settlers in the American continent
13. Significance of Norton Anthology
14. Sin and regeneration in *The Scarlet Letter*
15. Realism in *The Grapes of Wrath*
16. Discuss the structure of Albee's play.
17. Write a note on the impact of Renaissance and Reformation on human rights.

(6 x 5 = 30)**Section C****Answer any 1 (12 marks each)**

18. What are the insane demands to which Ginsberg is referring to in *America*?
19. Critically comment the instances of racism and sexism in Alice Walker's essay "In Search of Our Mother's Garden"?
20. Is *Death of a Salesman* a tragedy? Discuss.

(12 x 1 = 12)

Section D**Answer any 1 (15 marks each)**

21. How do Emerson and Thoreau express transcendental philosophy in their writings?
22. "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.
23. "The automatic senseless memorized glottal response of the Raven is an apocalyptic vision to show the purposelessness and meaninglessness of an absurd universe devoid of values"- Discuss.

(15 x 1 = 15)