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Instructions:

- 1) All Questions are compulsory, but have internal choice.
- 2) Answer Questions I and II in approximately 100 words each.
- 3) Answers Questions III to VI in approximately 400 words each.

Q.1 Answer any **four** of the following:

(16)

- a) Briefly comment on the special significance that the Glass Unicorn has for Laura in "The Glass Menagerie".
- b) Examine the symbolism of the fire escape in Tennessee Williams' play.
- c) Attempt a character sketch of Amanda Wingfield.
- d) How is Paul D a catalyst for re-telling the past of Sweet Home in *Beloved*?
- e) Comment on the image of the tree on Sethe's back.
- f) Do you agree that the school teacher is a foil to Mr. Garner?

Q.2 Answer any **four** of the following:

(16)

- a) Throw light on the character of the Prefect in "The Purloined Letter".
- b) Critically analyse the voice of the barber, Henry Hawkshaw, in "Dry September".
- c) What does F. Scott Fitzgerald do when he isolates himself from the rest of the society in the aftermath of the 'crack-up'?
- d) Why does the speaker use the refrain O Captain! my Captain! in the poem by the same title?
- e) The story of Cain and Abel is woven into the poem "Crow Testament". Explain why.
- f) Explain the following lines with reference to the context:
"From School-boy's tongue no Rhet'ric we expect,
Nor yet a sweet Consort from broken strings,
Nor perfect beauty where's a main defect."

Q.3

- A) "At the center of the play "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams is the struggle to realize the American Dream." Elucidate.

(12)

OR

- B) "Tom Wingfield experiences the unrelenting power of memory." Explain the truth of this statement with reference to "The Glass Menagerie".

Q.4

- A) "Through its central characters, *Beloved* explores the physical, emotional and spiritual devastation wreaked by the system of 'slavery'". Discuss the statement with reference to the novel.

(12)

OR

B) Discuss the significance of Beloved's arrival in House No 124 in the novel *Beloved*.

Q.5

A) "C. Auguste Dupin's distance from the traditional investigative and law enforcement methods enable him to apply innovative methods of solving crime". Discuss this statement with reference to the ploys used by Dupin to resolve the case of the 'purloined letter'. (12)

OR

B) Do you agree with the view that F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Crack-Up" is a significant psychological portrait with relevance to contemporary times? Discuss using relevant examples from the essay.

Q.6

A) "In the poem "Prologue", Anne Bradstreet makes her case for the right to compose verse in an era when feminism was far from becoming a political movement." Explain. (12)

OR

B) "Whitman's "Passage to India" is a salute to human progress and speaks of an evolution where divisions between people, and people and nature, will be eliminated: resulting in the spiritual voyage of every human soul." Elaborate based on your understanding of the poem.