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B.A. (Semester – V) (Under CBCS Ordinance)

EXAMINATION APRIL 2023

ENGLISH - American Literature

[Duration: 2 Hours]

[Total Marks:80]

- 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)

- Attempt a character portrayal of Tom Wingfield.
- How does the breaking of the unicorn figure impact Laura?
- Why did Jim call Laura "Blue Roses" in *The Glass Menagerie*?
- Highlight the role played by Amy Denver in *Beloved*.
- Mention any two aspects of *Beloved* which add to the mystery surrounding her.
- Critically analyze the character of Paul D.

Q.2. Answer Any Four of the following:

(16)

- What is the role of the narrator in "The Purloined Letter"?
- Critically examine the character of Miss Minnie Cooper in "Dry September".
- Explain F. Scott Fitzgerald's views on his premature 'crack-up'.
- How does Anne Bradstreet perceive her poetry in "Prologue"?
- Discuss the images of the crow and falcon in the poem "Crow Testament".
- Explain the following lines with reference to the context:
"But O heart! Heart! heart!

O the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my Captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead."

Q.3. A) Describe each character's world in "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams. (12)

OR

B) Attempt a thematic study of Tennessee Williams' "*The Glass Menagerie*".

- Q.4. A) "Through its central characters, *Beloved* documents the horrors of slavery as an (12) act of intentional dehumanization". Discuss the statement with reference to Toni Morrison's novel *Beloved*.

OR

- B) Discuss the significance of 're-telling the past' in the novel, *Beloved*.

- Q.5. A) "The intention of the group led by McLendon was not just to indict Will Mayes (12) but to reinforce the social structure of the South by suppressing the 'black community'". Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer through relevant examples from the story, "Dry September".

OR

- B) "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'.

- Q.6. A) "Whitman presents the world of physical reality as an antecedent to the world of (12) spiritual reality." Explicate with reference to the poem "Passage to India".

OR

- B) "The world of the American Indians was made hollow by the white colonizer." Discuss with reference to Sherman Alexie's poems.