

**BA DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2018**  
(Sixth Semester)

Branch – **ENGLISH**

**AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

**SECTION - A**

(5 x 5 = 25)

**Annotate any FIVE of the following choosing NOT more than TWO from each group**

**GROUP - A**

- 1 “Greatness is a property for which no man can receive credit too soon; it must be possessed long before it is acknowledged”.
- 2 “Men do what is called a good action, as some piece of courage or charity, much as they would pay a fine in expiation of daily non-appearance on parade. Their works are done as an apology or extenuation of their living in the world. I do not wish to expiate, but to live. My life is not an apology, but a life”.
- 3 “Travelling is a fool’s paradise. We owe to our first journeys the discovery that place is nothing. At home I dream that at Naples, at Rome, I can be intoxicated with beauty, and lose my sadness. I pack my trunk, embrace my friends, embark on the sea, and at last wake up in Naples, and there beside me is the stern Fact, the sad self, unrelenting identical that I fled from”.
- 4 “The voyage of the best ship is a zigzag line of a hundred tacks. See the line from a sufficient distance, and it straightens itself to the average tendency. Your genuine action will explain itself, and will explain your other genuine actions. Your conformity explains nothing. Act singly, and what you have already done singly will justify you now”.

**GROUP – B**

- 5 O the bleeding drops of red,  
Where on the deck my Captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.  
O Captain! My Captain! Rise up and hear the bells;  
Rise up-for you the flag is flung-for you the bulge trills,
- 6 Not one of all the purple Host  
Who took the Flag today  
Can tell the definition  
So clear of victory
- 7 Like one in danger, Cautious  
I offered him a Crumb  
And he unrolled his feathers  
And rowed him softer home-
- 8 Something there is that doesn’t love a wall,  
That sends the frozen-ground-swell under it,  
And spills the upper boulders in the sun;  
And makes gaps even two can pass abreast.

**GROUP – C**

- 9 To you it is, and to me. But not to her. You can talk yourself blue in the face, but there's no body and no grave, so where are you?
- 10 The trouble is, you don't see enough women. You never did.
- 11 I'll never forgive you. Why did you wait all these years? All I've done is sit and wonder if I was crazy for thinking of you.
- 12 You've got a family. I'm simply telling you that I have to strength to think any more

**SECTION-B (50 Marks)**

**Answer the following questions in not more than 500 words:(5 x 10 = 50)**

- 1 a Critically examine Emerson's concept of Self-reliance and point out its limitations.
- OR
- b What are Emerson's views on Conformity and Non-Conformity?
- 2 a Critically evaluate the theme of the poem "A Bird came down the Walk"?
- OR
- b Bring out the critical appreciation of the poem "Success is counted sweetest.
- 3 a Bring out the conflict between Christ's love for his father and the demand of his conscience.
- OR
- b What is the central issue in All My sons, and how it has been worked out in the play?
- 4 a Tom Sawyer is the realistic portrayal of Mark Twain's life – Discuss.
- OR
- b Consider Tom Sawyer as an idyll, a romance.
- 5 a Bring out the importance of the effects of claustrophobia in Poe's short story "The Fall of the House of Usher"
- OR
- b What are character sketches of Bob and Jimmy in the story "After Twenty Years"?

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