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Winter Examination-2021

Subject Name: American Literature

Subject Code: 5AH03ALT3

Branch: M.A. (English)

Semester: 3

Date: 15/12/2021

Time: 02:30 To 05:30

Marks: 70

Instructions:

- (1) Use of Programmable calculator & any other electronic instrument is prohibited.
 - (2) Instructions written on main answer book are strictly to be obeyed.
 - (3) Draw neat diagrams and figures (if necessary) at right places.
 - (4) Assume suitable data if needed.
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SECTION - I

Q-1 Answer the following in one or two sentences each: (07)

- a) Write any two characteristics of American Romanticism.
- b) Which lecture did Ralph Waldo Emerson deliver on 31 August 1837?
- c) What is the 'Lost Generation' in 'A Farewell to Arms'?
- d) Which period is known as The Age of Reason or the Age of Nationalism in American Literature? Why?
- e) Who is Catherine Barkley?
- f) What, according to you, 'Self-reliance' means?
- g) What do you mean by 'Hemingway Hero'? Cite example.

Q-2 Define the word Transcendentalist. Give the detailed explanation on the term literary Transcendentalism and which authors were parts of this ideology (14)

OR

Q-2 Write short notes on the following: (14)

- a) Emerson's views on *Nature*
- b) Characteristics of *Romanticism*

Q-3 What do you mean by an autobiographical novel? Do you believe that *A Farewell to Arms* is an auto-biographical? Give your reasons. (14)

OR

Q-3 Write short notes on the following: (14)

- a) Character sketch of Barkley
- b) Theme(s) explored in *A Farewell to Arms*



SECTION - II

- Q-4** **Answer the following in one or two sentences each:** **(07)**
- a) What does Stanley give Blanche as a birthday present in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?
 - b) For what reason(s), Walt Whitman is considered as the *First American Poet*?
 - c) Give two reasons for which you find Whitman's poems are very different to other poems.
 - d) Why does Tennessee Williams include the characters of the Negro woman and the Mexican woman in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?
 - e) Do you think Stanley and Mitch are similar in *A Streetcar Named Desire*? How?
 - f) When and where was Whitman born?
 - g) What is the emotion that causes Blanche's husband to commit suicide in *A Streetcar Named Desire*?

- Q-5** “His plays deal consistently with a serious theme – self-pity, the persistence of memory that holds people in its grip and will not let them get on with their lives.” How can this statement be applied to *A Streetcar Named Desire*? **(14)**

OR

- Q- 5** **Write short notes on the following:** **(14)**
- a) Character sketch of Mitch
 - b) Williams' style of using symbol and imagery

- Q- 6** Discuss in detail the main theme(s) explored in the poem *Song of Myself*. **(14)**

OR

- Q- 6** **Write short notes on the following:** **(14)**
- a) Walt Whitman – an untraditional Poet of America
 - b) Symbolism in *Song of Myself*

