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SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2016

(CUCSS)

English

EN 2E 07—AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2012 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

I. Answer *all* the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence :

- 1 The word "rotting" toward the end of the poem "Home Buriel" refers to _____.
- 2 The structure of the poem "America" by Ginsberg is meant to be _____ rather than read.
- 3 How many times has the lady died in the poem Lady Lazarus ?
- 4 At the end of the novel Tar Baby Jadine returns to _____.
- 5 Who is mistress Higgins in The Scarlet Letter ?
- 6 Which character in *The Sound and The Fury* did not have a part in the novel to tell her side of the story ?
- 7 What type of music was being played when Blanche's young husband committed suicide ?
- 8 The Play Dutchmen is set in _____.

(8 × ½ = 4 weightage)

II. Answer any *six* of the following in a paragraph of 150 words each :

- 9 Why does Thoreau say that rich are less likely to practice civil disobedience ?
- 10 Symbolism in Moby Dick.
- 11 Confusion in The Sound and The Fury.
- 12 Jazines dissatisfaction with the traditional role of women in African-American society.
- 13 Discuss the motif of women stockings in *Death of A Salesman*.
- 14 Widow Douglass's attempt to civilize Huck.
- 15 "Dying /Is an art like every thing else" says Plath in her poem "Lady Lazarus". Explain
- 16 Change of tones and moods in the poem "America".

Turn over

- 17 Comment on the imagery in Lowell's poem "For the Union Dead".
- 18 Significance of the quotations in Emerson's essay "Self Reliance".

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

III. Write an essay of 450 words each on *four* of the following choosing *one* from each section :

Section A

- 19 How does the poet create a tie between the past and present in the poem : "For the Union Dead" ?
- 20 Discuss Ginsberg's critique of America in the midst of cold war in his poem.
- 21 Hart Crane's new interest in the Brooklyn Bridge was not based on an aesthetic appreciation of it as an artifact so much as on his new association with Emil Opffer". Explain.

Section B

- 22 "We as human beings are naturally afraid to speak our minds. We are ashamed of being different". Discuss the view reflected in Emerson's essay Self Reliance.
- 23 Explain the stream of consciousness method used by Morrison in the novel *Tar Baby*.
- 24 Although the author denies that there is a moral or motive in the story of Huckleberry Finn, the work itself contradicts its author. Do you agree ? Justify your answer.

Section C

- 25 Describe the portrayal of bizarre racial memories of Brutus Jones in O'Neill's play.
- 26 How does Willy's retreat into the past a form of escape from his unpleasant present".
- 27 Discuss *A Street Car Named Desire* as an elegy moaning for an old south ?

Section D

- 28 Social criticism in American Drama.
- 29 Explain the use of personification in American poetry.
- 30 Representation of the "other" in American fiction,

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)