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Third Semester

Faculty of Language and Literature

Branch I–English

LEN 03 PC 11—AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A (Short Notes)

I. Answer any *five* of the following in a paragraph of about 50 words :

- 1 Symbolism in Dickinson's "I Felt a Funeral in My Brain".
- 2 Themes in Amiri Baraka's "Ka'Ba".
- 3 Moral philosophy of Jim Casey in *Grapes of Wrath*.
- 4 Discuss the lawyer's treatment of Bartleby.
- 5 The locomotive incident in *Walden*.
- 6 Why according to DuBois, is every civilized man, part and parcel of the colonial systems ?
- 7 Benjamin Franklin as the symbol of Enlightenment in America, in the Age of Reason.
- 8 Consider "The Emperor of Ice-cream" as a poem of antithesis.

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part B

II. Write short essays of about 100 words on any *five* of the following :

- 9 Poe's use of poetic devices in "Raven".
- 10 The theme of inspiration in David Berman's "Self Portrait at 28".
- 11 Mingling of reality and fantasy in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*.
- 12 Allegory in "Young Goodman Brown".
- 13 Themes of race and womanhood in *Sula*.
- 14 Williams's use of "light" in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
- 15 In "American Scholar" Emerson advances the theory that all language is based on physical images. Comment.
- 16 Walt Whitman as the quintessential American poet.

(5 × 2 = 10)





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Part C

III. Write essays of about 300 words on any *three* of the following :

- 17 Robert Frosts deceptively simple style often hides profound thoughts and feelings. Substantiate.
- 18 “Bear” is at once so simple and so complex that it surrenders its meaning to the conscious mind only after repeated readings and much brooding. Comment.
- 19 Consider Hemingway’s *The Old Man and the Sea* as a truly universal novel.
- 20 In the light of the prescribed texts, examine ethnicity – Jewish and Native, in American literature.
- 21 Discuss Miller’s *Death of a Salesman* as a traditional tragedy.
- 22 Consider *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as a “Great American Novel”.

(3 × 5 = 15)

