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Question Paper

B.A. Honours Examinations 2021

(Under CBCS Pattern)

Semester - III

Subject: ENGLISH

Paper : C 7-T

American Literature

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Group - A

Answer **any four** of the following:

12×4=48

1. Consider "O Captain! My Captain!" as an elegy.
2. Evaluate Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken" as a philosophical poem about choice and human limitations.
3. Discuss how Langston Hughes's poem "Harlem" deals with the Black experience in America.
4. What is the significance of the title of Poe's "The Purloined Letter"?
5. Comment on the use of superstition and magic in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

6. Mark Twain has created Tom Sawyer as the representative of American boyhood. Elucidate.
7. Write a note on the symbolism of *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
8. Discuss the view that *A Streetcar Named Desire* is a play concerned with the conflict between the values of the old world and the new.

Group - B

Answer *any six* of the following:

2×6=12

1. What does the speaker want the Captain to hear and see in “O Captain, My Captain”?
 2. “Exult O shores, and ring, O bells!” When and why does the speaker say this?
 3. Briefly comment on “And that has made all the difference”.
 4. Give two examples of simile in “Harlem”.
 5. How was the letter stolen in Poe’s “The Purloined Letter”?
 6. What are the similarities between Dupin and Minister D.?
 7. What is the new skill that Tom and Joe learn from Huck in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?
 8. How does Tom trick his friends into helping him whitewash the fence?
 9. Explain the significance of Mitch’s silver cigarette case in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
 10. What happened to Belle Reve, the family house of the DuBois?
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