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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2019

16/17/18UEL3MC01 – AMERICAN LITERATURE - I

Date: 29-10-2019

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

SECTION-A

I. Answer the following in about 30 words each:

(10x2=20)

1. What is the Mayflower compact and why is it important?
2. Why did Thomas Paine write the crisis and why is it important?
3. Who wrote “The Philosophy of Composition”? What does it deal with?
4. What is the symbolism of the fire escape in “The Glass Menagerie”?
5. What is the biblical allusion seen in Emerson’s poem “Fable”?
6. Why is Amanda disappointed with her daughter in “The Glass Menagerie”?
7. What is the thrilling element in the poem “The Open Boat”?
8. What is the theme of the poem “To Helen”?
9. What made life meaningful to the narrator of the poem, “Annabel Lee”? What was the real cause of Annabel Lee’s death?
10. What is it that Cotton Mather wishes to share with us through the essay “The Wonders of the Invisible World”?

SECTION - B

II. Answer any FOUR of the following in about 100 words each:

(4x10=40)

11. Write a critical analysis of the poem, “Brahma”.
12. What is the message of the poem, “The Road not Taken”?
13. How does the imagery develop the supernatural atmosphere of the poem, “The Raven”?
14. Trace the intricate mingling of the Puritan and Metaphysical elements in the poem “The Preface”.
15. What is the message of “Because I could not stop for Death”?
16. What kind of a drama is Emperor Jones and what was Eugene O’Neill’s initial purpose for writing this?
17. Write the summary of the poem “Fable”.
18. What are the archetypes employed by Eugene O’Neill in “Emperor Jones”?

SECTION-C

III. Answer the following in about 200 words each:

(2x20=40)

- 19.a) What is the importance of dreams in “Of Mice and Men.”? What role do they play in people’s lives and how it affects them?

(OR)

- b) Critically analyse the ideas in Poe’s “The Philosophy of Composition”.

- 20.a) Write an essay characterizing Tennessee Williams views towards illusion and reality.

(OR)

- b) What are the general comments about life and the human conditions that Poe is suggesting through the specifics of the story, “The Cask of Amontillado”?
