

2022

(Held in 2023)

ENGLISH

Paper : ENGHC3056

(American Literature)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct option from the following :

1×6=6

(a) In 'The Purloined Letter', who is the
perfect of the Paris police?

(i) Monsieur G

(ii) Monsieur F

(iii) Monsieur D

(iv) Monsieur H

- (b) 'O Captain! My Captain!' is an elegy on the death of
- (i) John F. Kennedy
 - (ii) Abraham Clinton
 - (iii) Abraham Lincoln
 - (iv) George Washington
- (c) Who is the narrator of 'The Glass Menagerie'?
- (i) Laura Wingfield
 - (ii) Tom Wingfield
 - (iii) Amanda Wingfield
 - (iv) Jim O'Connor
- (d) The poem, 'The Prologue' is about
- (i) feminism
 - (ii) humanity
 - (iii) patriotism
 - (iv) racism
- (e) In the poem, 'Crow Testament', crow represents
- (i) Native Americans
 - (ii) England
 - (iii) France
 - (iv) Germany

- (f) Buffalo Bill opens a _____ shop.
- (i) pan
 - (ii) pawn
 - (iii) wine
 - (iv) coffee

2. Answer the following questions : $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (a) Name two technological achievements that Walt Whitman indirectly praises in 'A Passage to India'.
- (b) Who is Monsieur G? Why did he come to Mr. Dupin?
- (c) What does 124 symbolize in 'Beloved'?
- (d) What is the theme of 'Beloved' by Toni Morrison?
- (e) What is the name of the detective in the story, 'The Purloined Letter'? Where did he live?

3. Answer any six of the following questions :

$5 \times 6 = 30$

- (a) "The ship is anchored
safe and sound ..."

Explain the line with reference to the context.

- (b) Discuss briefly 'The Purloined Letter' as a detective story.
- (c) How did Buffalo Bill exploit the Native Americans?
- (d) How does Anne Bradstreet criticize the male society in her 'The Prologue'?
- (e) "Our fearful trip is done,"
What is the meaning of 'trip' and why is it called 'fearful'?
- (f) Discuss briefly how 'The Crack-Up' is a confessional essay.
- (g) "I am obnoxious to each carping tongue
Who says my hand a needle better fits"
Explain the lines with reference to the context.
- (h) What is the significance of Laura's unicorn in 'The Glass Menagerie'?
- (i) Justify the title, 'Dry September'.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions :

10×2=20

- (a) Critically examine Paul D's struggle to define his own manhood or masculinity in 'Beloved'.
- (b) Critically discuss William Faulkner's 'Dry September' as a critique of racism.
- (c) Write a critical appreciation of the poem, 'Crow Testament'.

5. Answer any *one* of the following questions : 14

- (a) Attempt a character sketch of Tom Wingfield from your reading of 'The Glass Menagerie'.
- (b) In 'The Crack-Up', F. Scott Fitzgerald gives insights into his personal journey through a mental crisis or 'crack-up'. Elucidate.

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