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Sixth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, May 2022

Career Related First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Group 2(a) : English and Communicative English

Elective Course

CG 1661.1 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2015 & 2016 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions in a word or a sentence.

1. Which is the first American novel?
2. Who was the principal author of *The Declaration of Independence*?
3. What is the occasion of the poem *The Emperor of Ice cream*?
4. What is Helen doing in the third stanza?
5. What type of verse form is used in I *Hear America Singing*?
6. In her poem, Emily Dickinson suggests that the best way to overcome death is _____
7. Thomas Lanier William is better known by his nickname _____
8. The pen name of William Sydney Porter is _____
9. Who wrote *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*?
10. Who wrote *Farewell to Arms*?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer any **eight** of the following questions, **each** in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words:

11. The themes of the earliest colonial writers.

12. The influence of Edgar Allan Poe on later European and American writers.

13. The Transcendentalists in American Literature.

14. Mark Twain a Writer.

15. The reasons given by Robert Frost for the breaking of his boundary wall.

16. The parallel that Poe draws between Helen and the Nicaean barks.

17. The reasons the poet puts forward while stating that the tulips should be put behind bars.

18. Atmosphere in the play, "Thirst".

19. The message in Mending Wall.

20. The modernist poets in America.

21. Hemingway's description of Santiago's eyes.

22. Ezra pound's contributions of literature.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

III. Write on any **six** of the following in a paragraph about **100** words each:

23. Indian thought in Emerson, Thoreau and Whitman.

24. Images in Emily Dickinson's poem.

25. The tone of the poem "Emperor of Ice cream."

26. Expressionism.

27. Negro in American Literature.

28. The role of Manolin in *The old Man and the Sea*.

29. Symbolism in The Scarlet Letter.

30. American theatre.

31. Faulkner as a novelist.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two** of the following, each in about **300** words:

32. Write a critical appreciation of *Mending Wall* as a poem that 'begins in delight and ends in wisdom'.

33. Analyse *The old Man and the Sea* as portrayal of man's relationship with nature.

34. Examine the major themes explored by O' Neil in *Thrist*?

35. Trace the history of American fiction of the twentieth century.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
