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Branch : English Language and Literature
EL 223 : Paper – VII – AMERICAN LITERATURE
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Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

I. Answer **any five** of the following in **not** more than **50** words :

1) How does the poem "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking" link Whitman to the Romantics ?
2) Presentation of religion in Wallace Stevens' poem, "Sunday Morning."
3) Relevance of Fire Escape in the play *The Glass Menagerie*.
4) Theme of 'family break-down' in the play *The Buried Child*.
5) How can individuals achieve self-reliance according to Emerson ?
6) Why does Adrienne Rich think that domestic life is ruled by patriarchal society ?
7) "*The Bluest Eye* presents a more complicated portrayal of racism". – Elucidate.
8) Treatment of love and hate in Poe's story, "The Cask of Amontillado".

(5×2=10 Marks)

II. Comment critically on **any two** of the following in **not** more than **150** words choosing **one** from **each** Section.

SECTION – A

9) Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

10) I dont' shout or jump about
Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing,
It ought to make you proud.

SECTION – B

11) "Yes, forget ! Forget everything and face nothing ! It's a convenient philosophy if you've got no ambition in life."

12) "Pythagoras was misunderstood and Socrates and Jesus and Luther and Copernicus and Galileo and Newton and every pure and wise spirit that ever took flesh. To be great is to be misunderstood."

(2×5=10 Marks)

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III. Answer **any two** of the following in **not** more than **150** words :

13) Harlem Renaissance.

14) Satirical and sarcastic elements in the poem "Buffalo Bill".

15) Significance of the title 'The Bluest Eye'.

16) Theme of frustration and guilt in *The Scarlet Letter.* **(2×5=10 Marks)**

IV. Answer **any three** in **not** more than **450** words choosing **one** from **each** Section.

SECTION – A

17) Illustrate how Robert Frost's poem "Birches" opposes harsh realities of life with the human actions of imagination ?

18) Though Allen Ginsberg wrote his poem "Sunflower Sutra" with a critical hand, in the end he leaves the reader with trace of optimism and hope. Elucidate.

19) The pre-dominance of past over present and its conseqences in the play *Long Day's Journey into Night.*

SECTION – B

20) In his essay "Self-Reliance," how does Ralph Waldo Emerson advise readers to trust their own insight and common sense while making decisions ?

21) The power of bureaucracy as depicted in Joseph Heller's novel *Catch-22.*

22) Attempt a brief analysis on how Adrienne Rich explores her own experiences on the institution of motherhood as reinforced by patriarchy in her essay "The Domestication of Motherhood."

SECTION – C

23) "Transcendentalism relied upon intuition as the only way to comprehend reality in a world where every natural fact embodies a spiritual truth." Explain.

24) Write an essay on the salient features of Confessional Poetry in America.

25) Summarise Henry James' views on 'The Art of Fiction'. **(3×15=45 Mark**