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VI Semester B.A Degree Examination, July/August - 2024

ENGLISH

American Literature

(NEP Scheme)

Paper : DSC14



Time : 2½ Hours

Maximum Marks : 60

Instructions to Candidates:

Answer All the sections.

SECTION - A

A Brief History of American Literature

- I. Write a short note on any One of the following: (5)**
1. Individualism.
 2. The Dark Romantics.
 3. Frontier literature.
- II. Answer any One of the following. (10)**
1. How were the Naturalist period and the Modern period of American History, Significant?
 2. 'The modern period and the beat generation were artistically rich ages of American Literature'. Elaborate.
 3. The Early National Period and the American Renaissance were marked with notable works of American Literature. Substantiate.

SECTION - B

Poetry

- I. Write a short note on any One of the following. (5)**
1. Struggles and aspirations of oppressed individuals in 'The Caged Bird'.
 2. Relationship between individuals in the poem 'Mending Wall'.
 3. The concept of mortality and acceptance in the poem 'Because I could not stop for Death'.

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II. Answer any One of the following:

(10)

1. The poem "O Captain! My Captain!" portrays the speaker's profound reverence and sorrow for Abraham Lincoln. Elaborate.
2. The poem 'Theme for English B' is a representation of self. Substantiate.
3. How does the poem portray the unique qualities and quirks of the speaker's valentine in the poem 'To My Valentine'?

SECTION - C

Prose

I. Answer any One of the following.

(5)

1. The encounter between Indigenous America and Industrialized America in 'Chief Seattle's Speech'.
2. The relationship of Adam and Eve.
3. The theme of social class in 'The Man Upstairs'.

II. Answer any one of the following.

(10)

1. Examine Chief Seattle's perspective of for two vastly different cultures.
2. How does the opposition of the master to Fredrick Douglass's education contribute to his determination to learn to read?
3. Clarence's secret acts of kindness lead to a series of misunderstandings and comic situations in the essay 'The Man Upstairs'. Justify.

SECTION - D

Play - Death of a Salesman

I. Write a short note on any One of the following.

(5)

1. Bernard.
2. Howard Wagner.
3. Ben Loman.

II. Answer any One of the following.

(10)

1. 'Willy is a victim of the American Dream of success'. Substantiate.
 2. Analyze the notions of success and failure in the play.
 3. Examine gender relationship in the play.
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