



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2021-22

ENGACOR05T-ENGLISH (CC5)

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **two** of the following in about 500 words: 15×2 = 30
- (a) How does Anne Bradstreet highlight the woman's condition in 'The Prologue'?
 - (b) How does Whitman develop the notion of spiritual knowledge in his romanticized journey to India in his 'Passage to India'?
 - (c) Evaluate Langston Hughes's poem 'The Negro Speaks of Rivers' as an assertion of the African-American identity.
 - (d) Discuss how Sherman Alexie uses allusion and symbol in the poem 'Crow Testament'.

OR

Show how Sherman Alexie illustrates the systematic degradation of the Native American people and their culture in the poem 'Evolution'.

SECTION-II

2. Answer any **one** of the following question in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) "Anything dead coming back to life hurts". Discuss how Toni Morrison's *Beloved* explores remembering and forgetting with reference to this statement.
- OR**
- (b) Critically examine the portrayal of slavery in Morrison's *Beloved*.
3. Answer any **one** of the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) What sustains the reader's interest about the act of retrieving the letter in 'The Purloined Letter'?
 - (b) Does McLendon have any redeeming quality in 'Dry September'? Can we feel any sympathy for him?
 - (c) Why does Nathaniel Hawthorne call the guest "ambitious"? Give reasons for your answer.

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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