

(PENG 304)

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Department of English

AMERICAN LITERATURE I

Semester -III: End Examination

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 60

Part - A

Answer any FIVE of the following Questions in about 75 words each. 3 Annotations are compulsory. In addition to 3 Annotations, Answer 2 Short Questions also: 5x4M= 20M

Answer any 3 Annotations: Annotate the following lines with references to the context:

1. Books are the best of things, well used; abused, among the worst...they are for nothing but to inspire.
2. There is virtue yet in the hoe and the spade, for learned as well as for unlearned hands.
3. Our day of dependence, our long apprenticeship to the learning of other lands, draws to a close.
4. My respiration and inspiration, the beating of my heart, the passing of blood and air through my lungs.
5. It is one light which beams out of a thousand stars.

Answer 2 Short Questions from the questions given below:

6. What is the speaker's attitude towards time in the poem "If you were coming in the Fall"?

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7. Write briefly the theme of "The soul selects her own society"?
8. Why has the poet called the grass convenient in the poem "A bird came down the walk"?
9. What does Hester do after Dimmesdale's death?
10. What is the message in "The Hairy ape"?

Part - B

Answer any 5 questions out of the 10 internal choice easy questions.

5X8=40marks

11. a) What does Walt Whitman mean in "Song of myself"?  
(OR)  
b) Analyse the Emily Dickenson's poem "After great pain, a formal feeling comes".
12. a) What are the duties and responsibilities of an American Scholar?  
(OR)  
b) What is the central idea of "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau?
13. a) Explain the significance of the title "The purloined letter"?  
(OR)  
b) How is the Scarlet Letter embodied by Pearl?
14. a) Explain "Hairy Ape" as a modern tragedy?  
(OR)  
b) Explain the character of Mildred Douglas in the "Hairy Ape"?
15. a) Summarise the adventures of "Huckleberry Finn"?  
(OR)  
b) How does Twain use satire to expose and criticize human failings?

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