



**COOCH BEHAR PANCHANAN BARMA UNIVERSITY**

B.A. Honours 4th Semester Examinations, 2023

**ENGLISH**

**AMERICAN LITERATURE**

**CORE-10**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

1. Answer any **one** question from the following: 15×1 = 15
  - (a) Discuss *The Glass Menagerie* as a memory play.
  - (b) Poe's "The Purloined Letter" owes much to the concern of Romanticism with the occult and the satanic. Do you agree? Discuss.
  - (c) Discuss Bradstreet as a 'New World Poet' with reference to "The Prologue".
  - (d) Discuss "O Captain! My Captain!" as a poem of victory and loss.
  - (e) How does Sherman Alexie present the picture of the hardships suffered by Native Americans through the metaphorical image of a crow in "Crow Testament"? Discuss.
  
2. Answer any **one** of the following: 10×1 = 10
  - (a) Comment on the character of Laura Wingfield as portrayed in *The Glass Menagerie*.
  - (b) How does "Dry September" address the issues related to racism?
  - (c) Discuss 'Passage to India' as a poem expressive of Whitman's idea of civilization.
  - (d) Attempt a critical appreciation of Sherman Alexie's "Evolution".
  
3. Answer any **one** of the following: 5×1 = 5
  - (a) Briefly discuss the significance of the setting of "The Purloined Letter".
  - (b) Scott Fitzgerald's "The Crack Up" depicts the promise and failure of the American Dream. Discuss.
  - (c) What does the 'glass unicorn' symbolise in *The Glass Menagerie*?
  
4. Answer any **ten** of the following: 1×10 = 10
  - (a) What are Laura's most prized possessions in *The Glass Menagerie*?

- (b) What does Tom Wingfield want to be?
- (c) Whom does Laura call “a manufacturer of illusions”?
- (d) What was the name of the individual that purloined the letter?
- (e) What are the two types of ‘blows’ that Fitzgerald talks about in the opening section of “The Crack-up”?
- (f) Mention two images of horror and violence in Faulkner’s “Dry September”.
- (g) What does the word ‘Bays’ connote in “The Prologue”?
- (h) Who is Buffalo Bill?
- (i) What does ‘The Ship’ stand for in Whitman’s poem?
- (j) Who is the captain in ‘O Captain! My Captain!’?
- (k) “For my mean pen are too superior things”— What are meant by “too superior things”?
- (l) What does Crow in the poem “Crow Testament” represent?

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