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**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION
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(CUCSS)

English

EN 2E 07—AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2012 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

I. Answer *all* the following questions, each in a *word, phrase or sentence* :

- 1 What is the main theme of the poem, 'I, Too, Sing America' ?
- 2 Who is the Admiral referred to by Whitman in his 'Passage of India' ?
- 3 The real name of Buffalo Bill is _____.
- 4 When was 'Self-reliance' first printed ?
- 5 What does the scarlet letter 'A' represent ?
- 6 How many children do Mr. and Mrs. Campson have ?
- 7 What is the shocking discovery of Bill at the Boston Hotel ?
- 8 What is the popular name of Le Roi Jones ?

(8 × ½ = 4 weightage)

II. Answer any *six* of the following questions, each in a *paragraph* of 150 words :

- 9 Give a note on the sense of despair in the two prescribed poems of Emily Dickinson.
- 10 How does the Brooklyn Bridge appear as a symbol of unity ?
- 11 Summarise the thought-content of Ginsberg's poem, 'America'.
- 12 What are Emerson's views on travelling ?
- 13 Bring out the main ideas expressed through 'Civil Disobedience'.
- 14 What is the role played by the crowd in *The Scarlet Letter* ?
- 15 Examine how William Faulkner employs the Stream-of consciousness technique in *The Sound and the Fury*.
- 16 Give a brief critical note on the character of Stubb.

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- 17 *The Emperor Jones* is a play of profound disillusionment. Give a short comment on this view.
- 18 Explain the central idea contained in the *Dutchman*.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

III. Write essays of about 450 words each, on any *four* of the following, choosing *one* from each section :

Section A

- 19 Give an elaborate appreciation of the poem, 'Buffalo Bill'.
- 20 There is a blend of symbolism and mysticism in Whiteman's poem, 'Passage to India'. Discuss.
- 21 How does Sylvia Plath identify herself with the victims of Nazi persecution, through the poem, 'Lady Lazarus'.

Section B

- 22 'I, too, Sing America' stakes the claim that the Black Americans, like the Whites, have equal rights to participate fully in American life and activities. Elucidate.
- 23 Why and how does Emerson argue that self-reliance is a law of nature ?
- 24 Write a critique on Thoreau's political ideas as are ventilated through his essay, 'Civil Disobedience'.

Section C

- 25 Examine, in detail, the symbolic structure of *Moby Dick*.
- 26 River is the fundamental element in the structure of *Huckleberry Finn*. Justify your views for or against this statement.
- 27 In the *Tar Baby* Tony Morrison delineates the historical as well as the socio-cultural dilemmas of the late twentieth century. Do you think that his attempt is successful or not ? Why ?

Section D

- 28 Evaluate the character of Blanche Dubois.
- 29 How does America Baraka explore the theme of racism through the *Dutchman* ?
- 30 Examine the philosophical undertones in American poetry.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)