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**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023**

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 2C 07—AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Annotate any *two* of the following :

- 1 Living in the Borderlands means you fight hard to  
resist the gold elixir beckoning from the bottle,  
the pull of the gun barrel,  
the rope crushing the hollow of your throat ;
- 2 Lo, soul, seest thou not God's purpose from the first ?  
The earth to be spann'd, connected by network,  
The races, neighbors, to marry and be given in marriage,  
The oceans to be cross'd, the distant brought near,
- 3 'Where do you mean to go? First tell me that.  
I'll follow and bring you back by force. *I will!*—'
- 4 Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there wondering, fearing,  
Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before ;  
But the silence was unbroken, and the stillness gave no token,  
And the only word there spoken was the whispered word, "Lenore ?"

(2 × 2 = 4 weightage)

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II. Write short essays on any *two* of the following in 250 words :

- 5 Langston Hughes and the Harlem Renaissance.
- 6 Significance of Jadine's trip to Eloin in *Tar Baby*.
- 7 The narrative significant of *Dutchman's* title.
- 8 Transcendentalism and Self-reliance.

(2 × 3 = 6 weightage)

III. Write essays on any *four* of the following in 450 words choosing *one* at least from each section :

**A**

- 9 Justify the title of the play *The Glass Menagerie*.
- 10 O'Neill's *The Emperor Jones* straddles the line between realism and expressionism- Discuss

**B**

- 11 Highlight the salient features of American confessional poetry with reference to the poems prescribed for study.
- 12 "Whitman's poem links ancient religions and modern technology, God and engineering"- Elaborate this statement with respect to his "A Passage to India."

**C**

- 13 How does Faulkner present the degeneration of the Compson family in *The Sound and the Fury*.
- 14 Examine the theme of racism and slavery in *Huckleberry Finn*.

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)