

# **AE-1094**

B.A. (Part - III)  
Term End Examination, 2016-17

## **ENGLISH LITERATURE**

Paper - II (A)

American Literature

*Time* : Three Hours]                      [*Maximum Marks* : 75

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**Note** : Answer **all** questions. The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

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1. Explain any **three** of the following with reference to the context : 5×3

(a) But O heart ! Heart ! Heart !  
O the bleeding drops of red  
Where on the deck my captain lies  
Fallen cold and death.

**OR**

I am the seed ground. I am the prairie  
that will stand for much  
Plowing, Terrible storms pass over me

( 2 )

- (b) And then I heard them lift a box  
And creak across my soul  
With those same boots of lead  
Then space began to toll.

*OR*

Deeds cannot dream what dreams can do  
time is a tree this life one leaf  
but live is the sky and I am for you  
just so long and long enough.

- (c) I believe that man will not merely  
endure : he will prevail. He is immortal  
not because he along among creatures has  
an inexhaustible voice but because he has  
a soul, a spirit capable of compassions  
and sacrifice and endurance.

*OR*

There us a place among the works of  
Machiavelli where he says that coming  
home at evening from the fields, dusty  
and tired out he doffs his outdoor clothes,  
dressess himself for a new part and  
entering his study becomes a king.

- (d) Because certain things have to be and  
certain things can never be, like the sun  
has to rise, it has to be that's why there's  
God otherwise anything could happen but  
there's God, so certain things can never  
happen.

*OR*

( 3 )

“Take it easy, see give us a rest. Nix on de lous noise ..... can’t you see I am trying to think.”

2. Define any **five** of the following terms : 2×5

- (a) Naturalism
- (b) Realism
- (c) Art for Arts Sake
- (d) Poetic Drama
- (e) Symbolism
- (f) American Renaissance
- (g) Existentialism

3. Answer the following questions in about 300-400 words each :

- (a) Write a critical appreciation of Walt Whitman’s poem ‘O Captain ! My Captain’. 10

**OR**

Write a note on Carl Sandburg as a poet highlighting the major qualities of his poetry.

- (b) Write a critical appreciation of Emily Dickinson’s ‘Hope is the Thing with Feathers’ in your own words. 10

**OR**

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Bring out the important characteristics of Cummings poetry with reference to poems prescribed in your course.

- (c) Give a critical analysis of Faulkner's Nobel Prize acceptance speech in your own words. 10

**OR**

Write a critical appreciation of Walt Whitman's 'Preface to Leaves of Grass'.

- (d) Do you feel that the title of the play 'All My Sons' is appropriate ? Discuss. 10

**OR**

Discuss the theme of the search for self in O' Neill's play 'The Hairy Ape'.

- (e) Bring out the art of plot construction as displayed by Hemingway in 'A Farewell to Arms'. 10

**OR**

Do you feel that the title 'The Sound and the Fury' is appropriate to the theme of the novel ?

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