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Enrollment Number:

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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, AUGUST 2025

Second Semester

M.A. English Language and Literature

M21EG07DC – American Literature

(2024 July admissions)

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.

1. What are the contributions of Captain Smith to American literature?
2. Bring out the symbolism of marigold in *The Bluest Eye*.
3. Define epiphora.
4. What is meant by the term "American Dream"?
5. Analyse the narrative technique employed in the "The Cask of Amontillado."
6. What is the significance of the title *Long Day's Journey Into the Night*?
7. Explain the meaning of the following lines with reference to the context:

I've known rivers:

Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

8. Who is Natty Bumppo?

(2X5=10)

Section B

Answer any six of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 5 marks.

9. Briefly explain the basic tenets of American Puritanism.
10. Attempt a character sketch of Dodge.
11. Bring out the symbolism in the poem "the Red Wheelbarrow."

12. Write a short note on Confessional Poetry.
13. Comment on the theme of death in "Buffalo Bill."
14. How does Emerson apply the concept of self-reliance to social situations?
15. What is the central theme of the poem "Birches?"
16. Consider "Boxes" as a tale of the rootlessness of modern life.
17. How do the post-Freudian psychologists approach the concept of motherhood?
18. What is the significance of the character Pearl in *The Scarlet Letter*?

(5X6=30)

Section C

Answer any two of the following questions in four pages each. Each question carries 15 marks.

19. Consider *Glass Menagerie* as a memory play.
20. Critically examine how *The Bluest Eye* interprets the concept of beauty.
21. Attempt a critical appreciation of Maya Angelou's "Phenomenal Woman."
22. How does Toni Morrison challenge and critique the American literary tradition in "*Black Matters*"?

(15X2=30)