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**MA DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023
Second Semester
MA English Language and Literature
M21EG07DC - American Literature
2022 ADMISSIONS**

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Section A

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

1. The concept of the "American Dream."
2. State the core tenet of the Transcendentalist Movement.
3. Which is the only novel written by Sylvia Plath?
4. How does Harold Bloom consider the poem "Phenomenal Woman" ?
5. How does Toni Morrison define "Africanism" ?
6. What narrative technique does Poe employ in the story "The Cask of Amontillado"?
7. What is the philosophical message in the poem "The Emperor of Ice-Cream"?
8. Which is the most autobiographical play of Eugene O'Neill?

(2x5=10)

Section B

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

9. Harlem Renaissance.
10. Slave Narratives.
11. Holocaust overtones in Plath's "Daddy."
12. Significance of the title "Buffalo Bill."
13. Prophetic tone in Ginsberg's "Sunflower Sutra."
14. Ideas of motherhood in Adrienne Rich's "The Domestication of Motherhood."
15. Revenge motif in Poe's "The Cask of Amontillado."
16. Death as theme in Raymond Craver's story "Boxes."
17. Comment on the profound spirituality in Dickinson's poem "There is Something Quieter than Sleep."
18. Bloom's critique of "*Long Day's Journey into Night*".

(5x6=30)

Section C

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

19. Modernism in American literature.
 20. Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* deals with the issue of American racism.' Discuss.
 21. Explore the major thematic concerns in Hawthorne's "*The Scarlet Letter*".
 22. Critically evaluate Virginia Woolf's perspectives on Emerson's essay "Self-Reliance."
- (15x2=30)