

## **MAEL–205**

### **American Literature**

M. A. ENGLISH (MAEL-12/16/17)

Second Year, Examination, 2018

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 80**

**Note :** This paper is of **eighty (80)** marks containing **three (03)** Sections A, B and C. Learners are required to attempt the questions contained in these Sections according to the detailed instructions given therein.

#### **Section–A**

##### **(Long Answer Type Questions)**

**Note :** Section ‘A’ contains four (04) long answer type questions of nineteen (19) marks each. Learners are required to answer *two* (02) questions only.

1. Draw an estimate of Emily Dickinson as a poet in the light of the poems prescribed in your course.
2. Elucidate the major themes that occur in Tony Morrison’s *The Bluest Eye*.
3. Discuss how *The Emperor Jones* illustrates Expressionistic subject matter and technique.
4. Critically analyze Ralph Waldo Emerson’s essay “Civil Disobedience”.

### Section–B

#### (Short Answer Type Questions)

**Note :** Section ‘B’ contains eight (08) short answer type questions of eight (08) marks each. Learners are required to answer *four* (04) questions only.

1. Write a short note on Whitman as a bard of Democracy.
2. Write a note on Tony Morrison’s technique of story-telling.
3. List the influences that propelled Arthur Miller to write his opus *Death of a Salesman*.
4. Briefly discuss the techniques used by O’Neill in the play *The Emperor Jones*.
5. Write a short note on the central theme of Thoreau’s essay, “Civil Disobedience”.
6. Give a brief account of Hemmingway’s use of symbolism in *A Farewell to Arms*.
7. Write a short note on Robert Frost as a Modern Poet.
8. Write a short note on Transcendentalism.

### Section–C

#### (Objective Type Questions)

**Note :** Section ‘C’ contains ten (10) objective type questions of one (01) mark each. All the questions of this Section are compulsory.

1. From which of the poems given below have the following lines been taken ?  
 “Assent-and you are sane-/Demur-and you are straightaway dangerous”
  - (a) Much Madness is divinest Sense
  - (b) I heard a Fly buzz-when I died
  - (c) The Soul selects her own Society
  - (d) The Brain-is wider than the Sky

2. In which of the following poems do we meet the peasant couple Mary and Warren ?
  - (a) "Mending Walls"
  - (b) "After Apple Picking"
  - (c) "Birches"
  - (d) "The Death of the Hired Man"
  
3. Hemingway gave up his job as a reporter to become an ambulance driver in the battlefields of :
  - (a) Mexico
  - (b) England
  - (c) France
  - (d) Italy
  
4. Which playwright was born in a hotel room and died in one ?
5. Pecola Breedlove is obsessed about the child star Shirley Temple's \_\_\_\_\_ colour eyes.
6. Arthur Miller decided to become a writer after reading Dostoyevsky's novel, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Which play of Sophocles is referred to as "a perfect piece of the philosophy of Civil Disobedience" by Thoreau, in his essay titled "Civil Disobedience." ?
8. Which poet prescribed in your course was of the opinion, "The proof of a poet is that his country absorbs him as affectionately as he absorbed it" ?
9. Name the magazine which was published intermittently from 1840 to 1929 and served as the chief publication of the Transcendentalists.
10. How is Chloe Anthony Wofford better known as ?

