

MAEL–205**American Literature**

M. A. English (MAEL–12/16/17)

Second Year, Examination, 2017

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Note : This paper is of **eighty (80)** marks containing **three (03)** Sections A, B, C. 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. Give an estimate of Robert Frost as a poet with special reference to the poems prescribed for you.
2. *A Farewell to Arms* is a chapter from Hemingway’s life. Discuss.
3. Is *Death of a Salesman* a tragedy with an unheroic hero ? Discuss in detail.
4. Critically analyze Ralph Waldo Emerson’s essay “The American Scholar”.

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 the chief characteristics of Emily Dickinson's poetry.
2. How are Blue Eyes associated with a sense of superiority for Pecola Breedlove ?
3. Write a short note on the motifs used by Arthur Miller in *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. Discuss Frederic Henry as a typical Hemingway hero.
7. "Song of Myself" contains the gist of Whitman's thoughts. Discuss briefly.
8. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem "After Apple Picking".

Section-C**(Objective Type Questions)**

Note : Section 'C' contains ten (10) objective type questions of one (1) mark each. All the questions of this Section are compulsory.

1. Who among the following poets has composed *Leaves of Grass* ?
 - (a) Emily Dickinson
 - (b) Robert Frost
 - (c) Walt Whitman
 - (d) None of the above

2. Which of the following poems ends with the line,
“He says again, “Good fences make good neighbours.” ?
 (a) “Mending Walls”
 (b) “After Apple Picking”
 (c) “Birches”
 (d) “The Death of the Hired Man”
3. Which of the following is not a work by Ernest Hemingway ?
 (a) “A Farewell to Arms”
 (b) “For Whom the Bell Tolls”
 (c) “The Sun Also Rises”
 (d) “The Grapes of Wrath”
4. In *The Emperor Jones*, Brutus Jones is convinced that only a colour bullet could kill him.
5. Tony Morrison received the Pulitzer Prize for the novel
6. The name of Willy Loman’s wife is
7. Which author prescribed in your course opined, “I would make education a pleasant thing, both for the teacher and the scholar. The discipline which we allow to be the end of life should not be one thing in the school-room and another in the street. We should seek to be fellow-students with the pupils”.
8. Which poet prescribed in your course felt a deep resentment against publication and called it “The auction of the of man” ?
9. In *A Farewell to Arms* what is the name of Frederic Henry’s beloved ?
10. Who is known as “The Sage of Concord” ?

