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Roll No. 209

American Literature

M.A. (Final) EXAMINATION - 2025

ENGLISH

Paper - V (B)

[American Literature]

Time Allowed: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

No supplementary answer book will be given to any candidate. Hence the candidates should write the answer precisely in the main answer book only.

All the parts of one question should be answered at one place in the answer-book. One complete question should not be answered at different places in the answer-book.

This paper consists of three sections.

Candidate will be required to attempt five question in all. Question No. 1 (four passages for explanations with explanation with reference to the context from the starred authors / text) and four other questions, at least one from each unit. Each question carry 20 marks.

Write your roll number on question paper before start writing answer of questions.

1. Explain with reference to context any four of the following extracts:

4x5=20

(i) I cannot rub the strangeness from my sight.

I got from looking through a pane of glass

I skimmed this morning from the drinking trough.

And held against the world of hoary grass.

(ii) After all the highways, and the trains, and the appointments, and the years, you end up worth more dead than alive.

(iii) Shall she not find in comforts of the sun, In pungent fruit and bright, green wings, or else.

In any balm or beauty of the earth,

Things to be cherished like the thought of heaven?

(iv) A quality of loss

Affecting our content

As Trade had suddenly encroached

Upon a Sacrament.

(v) It must

Be the finding of a satisfaction, and may

Be of a man skating, a woman dancing, a woman combing. The poem of the act of the mind.

(vi) He's not the finest character that ever lived. But he's a human being, and a terrible thing is happening to him. So attention must be paid.

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- (vii) The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
 But I have promises to keep,
 And miles to go before I sleep,
 And miles to go before I sleep.
- (viii) As Lightening to the Children eased
 With explanation kind.
 The Truth must dazzle gradually.
 Or every man be blind -

SECTION A

2. How does Nineteenth Century American Literature explore the concept of the American identity? 20
3. What makes Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass a defining work of American literature? 20
4. Write critical appreciation of the poem 'I felt a funeral' by Emily Dickinson. 20

OR

Critically analyse the poem Birches by Robert Frost. 20

SECTION B

5. How does Arthur Miller explore the American Dream in Death of a Salesman? 20

OR

Analyse the character of Linda Loman. 20

6. What role does race and colonialism play in The Emperor Jones? 20

SECTION C

7. What is the relationship between the scholar and society in The American Scholar? 20
8. What is the significance of the title Young Goodman Brown? 20
9. How does Henry James define the role of novelist in The Art of Fiction? 20
10. How does The Fall of the House of Usher reflect the elements of Gothic literature? 20