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**M A DEGREE (CSS) EXAMINATION , NOVEMBER 2020**

**Second Semester**

**CORE - EN010203 - AMERICAN LITERATURES**

M A ENGLISH, M A ENGLISH (SF)

2019 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

**Part A (Short Answer Questions)**

*Answer any **eight** questions.*

*Weight **1** each.*

1. Leslie Fiedler says that most of the American works of the time find a place in children's library. Why?
2. What is the context and situation of the poem, "The Emperor of Ice-cream"?
3. Symbolism and post-colonial aspects in Cherokee Rose.
4. Comment on the life of "someones and everyones" in the poem of e.e. cummings.
5. Explain significance of "rajetas" in the poem, : "To live in the Borderlands"
6. Why does Smithers talk impudently to Jones at the start of the play?
7. What was the change that happened in the work culture of Bartleby?
8. Why does Harry blame Helen in "The Snows of Kilimanjaro". ?
9. How does Huck foil the plan of the duke and the dauphin at the Wilks family?
10. Mention the titular significance of "I Have A Dream".

(8×1=8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essay/Problems)**

*Answer any **six** questions.*

*Weight **2** each.*

11. Benjamin Franklin as the symbol of enlightenment in America in the Age of Reason.
12. What, according to Pritchard, were the three conditions of the early nineteenth century America which influenced the course of authorship and critical thinking in the country. ?
13. Comment on the narrators reactions to the strange bird in "Raven"
14. Images and symbols in "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking"





15. Comment on the themes of Emily Dickinson, based on the poems you studied.
16. Goodman Brown's encounter with the old man.
17. The Israeli characters within Mornings in Jenin.
18. Explain the pond as a symbol in Walden.

(6×2=12 weightage)

**Part C (Essay Type Questions)**

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Weight 5 each.*

19. Robert Frost's poems "begin in delight and end in wisdom". Discuss.
20. The disillusionment of Willy in the play, Death of a Salesman.
21. In the end Moses Herzog acquires a sort of complacency from the realization that sanity and stability are not achieved through sex and women. Discuss.
22. As a Transcendentalist, Emerson firmly believed in the merits of 'individualism'. Explain on the basis of "self-Reliance".

(2×5=10 weightage)

