

English [Honours]

[CBCS]

B.A. Third Semester End Examination-2023

(Regular & Supplementary Paper)

PAPER-CC7

Full Marks: 60

Time: 03Hrs

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

1. Attempt any two questions taking one from each group:

2x10 = 20

Group A

- i. How does the poem "O Captain! My Captain!" foreground the tension between collective experience and private emotion?-Discuss.
- ii. How does Langston Hughes raise the voice of protest and dream of the Black people in the poem "Harlem"?

Group B

- iii. Attempt a comparative study of the Perfect of Police and Dupin's methods of investigation employed in the search of the letter.

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- iv. Comment on *The Bluest Eye* as a critique of commodity culture.

OR

How does Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* critique the American Dream? Discuss.

2. Answer any four questions of the following: **4x5 = 20**

- i. "I shall be telling this with a sign/ Somewhere ages and ages hence"- Explain.
- ii. How, do you think, the images used in the poem "Harlem" establish an implicit setting?
- iii. What is the historical context against which the poem "O Captain! My Captain!" is written?
- iv. How did the detective dupe the Minister and anticipate his political downfall in "The Purloined Letter"?
- v. Briefly comment on the note of deception in John Steinbeck's "The Chrysanthemums".
- vi. Briefly comment on the 'Requiem' of *The Death of a Salesman*.
- vii. Bring out the significance of the Geraldine episode in *The Bluest Eye*.
- viii. Write in brief about Black Women's writings.

3. Answer any ten questions of the following: **10x2 = 20**

- i. What do the two roads symbolize in "The Road Not Taken"?

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- ii. Other than Langston Hughes, mention two prominent figures of Harlem Renaissance?
- iii. From fearful trip the victor ship comes in..." —Which 'trip' the poet is referring to? Why is it 'fearful'?
- iv. Why was the queen desperate about the retrieval of the letter in "The Purloined Letter"?
- v. State and explain the epigram used by Poe at the beginning of "The Purloined Letter".
- vi. On which day and which restaurant did Henry plan to go with Elisa in "The Chrysanthemums"?
- vii. Why does Claudia Mac Teer Destroy the white dolls?
- viii. "We were lesser. Nicer, brighter, but still lesser"-Comment.
- ix. What is 'Maginot Line'? Who is called 'the Maginot Line'?
- x. What is the significance of the encounter between Elisa's dogs and the thinker's dog?
- xi. What is the significance of the diamonds in *The Death of a Salesman*.
- xii. What is the significance of flute music in Willy Loman's life?
- xiii. What is Confessionalism in American poetry? Mention two names of Confessional Poet of 1960s America.
- xiv. What is Seneca Falls Convention?
- xv. Mention a few reasons that sparked Realism in American literary firmament.