

M.A. (Part—II) Examination
ENGLISH
(A) American Literature
Paper—III

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note :— All questions are compulsory.

1. Write short notes on any **two** of the following in about **200** words each :

- (i) Harvard University
- (ii) Naturalism as a Literary Method
- (iii) Impact of World War I on American Society
- (iv) Nobel Prize Winners.

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2. (A) Explain with reference to the context any **four** of the following :

- (i) The fact is the sweetest dream that labor knows
My long scythe whispered and left the hay to make.
- (ii) Man is by instinct a lover,
a hunter, a fighter and
none of those instincts are
given much play at the warehouse.
- (iii) I am sired by gold and damned by it, as they say at the race track - damned in more ways than one.
- (iv) This grass is very dark to me from the white heads of old mothers,
Darker than the colourless beards of old men
Dark to come from under the faint red roofs of mouths
- (v) We live in an old chaos of the Sun
Or old dependency of day and night
Or island solitude, unsponsored free,
Of that wide water, inescapable.
- (vi) There will be a certain _____ loss of liberty. I imagine, as a result of this experiment _____ but diversity will no longer be the goal. Cultures and races will eventually vanish _____ the ants will take over the world.

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(B) Choose the correct option from those given below. Write full sentences :

- (i) Whom does Ezra Pound refer to as 'a gallart foe' in Ballad for Gloom ?
 (a) A Warrior (b) The Emperor
 (c) The Narrator (d) God
- (ii) Which of the following is not a poem by Wallace Stevens ?
 (a) Anecdote of the Jar (b) The Return
 (c) Sunday Morning (d) A High Tonned Woman

- (iii) The River Merchant and his wife lived in ____ village.
 (a) Chokan (b) Ku-to-yen
 (c) Kiany (d) Cho-fu-sa
- (iv) Where does the V scene of 'The Hairy Ape' take place ?
 (a) Washington (b) An Island
 (c) The stoke-hole (d) Fifth Avenue – New York
- (v) Whose treatise did Thoreau used as his agricultural guide ?
 (a) Aristotle (b) Cato
 (c) Caesar (d) Plato
- (vi) Which of the following Eugene O' Neill's plays was awarded the Pulitzer Prize ?
 (a) Anna Christie (b) Beyond the Horizon
 (c) The Hairy Ape (d) The Emperor Jones
- (vii) Why does the horse in 'Stopping By the Woods on A Snowy Evening' shake his bells ?
 (a) to warn other animals (b) to enjoy the sound
 (c) to ask if there is some mistake (d) to rest in farmhouse
- (viii) What state of America Walden Pond is located in ?
 (a) California (b) Texas
 (c) Ohio (d) Massachussettes 8

3. Attempt a character sketch of Yank.

OR

Consider 'The Glass Menagerie' as a Memory Play. 15

4. Attempt a character sketch of Martha.

OR

Discuss Thoreau's views on life as reflected in the prescribed text. 15

5. Illustrate with comments the inherent symbolism of 'The Sound and Fury'.

OR

Assess John Steinbeck as the Champion of the downtrodden with reference to 'The Grapes of Wrath'. 15

6. Write a note on the complexity of themes in Toni Morrison's 'The Bluest Eye'.

OR

Examine critically the significance of the title 'A Farewell to Arms'. 15