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**SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JULY 2016**

(CUCSS - PG)

(English Language and Literature)

**CC 15P EN2 E07 - AMERICAN LITERATURE**

(2015 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

I. Answer **all** the following questions in a word, phrase or sentence:-

1. What was Thoreau's primary act of civil disobedience in his own life?
2. How does Hester support herself in her confinement?
3. Why did Poe choose a raven as the central symbol of the poem?
4. "Lady Lazarus" was written in ..... form.

(4 x 1/2 = 2 weightage)

5. What is the role of Happy Loman in *Death of a salesman*?
6. What does the title "Buffalo Bill" signify?
7. What was the initial title of the poem "*I, too*"?
8. Name of the officer on whom Lowell's poem is based.
9. In *Death of a salesman* Linda says "were free and clean". What does it mean?

(4 x 1/2 = 2 weightage)

II. Answer any **six** of the following in a paragraph about **150** words each:-

10. Discuss the spiritual conflict in *Moby Dick*
11. The theme of "American Dream" in *Death of a Salesman*.
12. *A Streetcar Named Desire* as a poetic expression of mourning.
13. The relationship between scarlet letter and Hester's Identity.
14. Transcendentalism in American Literature.
15. Expressionism in *The Emperor Jones*.
16. Use of symbols in *Dutchman*.
17. Humour in *Huckleberry Finn*
18. Cultural conflict in *Tar baby*.

(6 x 2 = 12 weightage)

III. Write an essay of **450** words each, choosing **one** from each section:

**Section A**

19. Discuss the importance of relationship, communication and emotions in the human world in "Home Burial"?

- 20. How far does "The Emperor of Ice Cream" deal with the theme of power?
- 21. Critically analyse the use of images and power of language in Sylvia Plath's poems.

**Section B**

- 22. "Self Reliance teaches the infinitude of the private man"- Explain.
- 23. *Moby Dick* is an imagined representation, which mediates between an individual and his or her environment. Elaborate.
- 24. How does Thoreau depict the confrontation between the individual and the country?

**Section C**

- 25. Analyse the narrative technique in *The Sound And The Fury*.
- 26. Discuss the symbol of guilt in the novel, *The Scarlet letter*.
- 27. Compare and contrast the three major women's attitude towards white society in *Tar Baby*.

**Section D**

- 28. Explain the rise and growth of novel in America.
- 29. Discuss the various techniques and methods of 20<sup>th</sup> century American drama.
- 30. Critically examine the depiction of the black and their culture in American Literature.

(4 x 5 = 20 weightag

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