

U.G. 3rd Semester Examination - 2020**ENGLISH****Course Code : BENGCCHT 301****Course Title: American Literature**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*1. Answer any **ten** of the following questions:

1×10=10

- a) What was Yank's experience about church?
- b) "Name? Lemme tink."- Who says this, to whom and when?
- c) "Please do not mock at my attempts to discover how the other half lives."- Who says this and to whom? What is 'the other half' referred to here?
- d) Who accompanies Yank at the Fifth Avenue? Describe the person's appearance.
- e) What are the names of the old man, the boy and the big fish in *The Old Man and the Sea*?

- f) "I remember everything from when we first went together" – Who says this and to whom?
- g) What dream did the old man dream?
- h) "Then," I said, "you have been making a miscalculation, and the letter is not upon the premises, as you suppose." – Who are 'I' and 'you' referred to here?
- i) Where did the minister keep the stolen letter?
- j) "I dont believe anybody did anything. I dont believe anything happened."- Who is 'I'? Explain the context.
- k) What is the setting of the short story "Dry September"?
- l) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem "The Prologue"?
- m) Name four geographical landmarks of America as mentined in "A Passage to India"?
- n) "Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills"- Who is 'you' referred to here?
- o) What are the meter and the rhyme scheme used in the poem "The Road not Taken"?

2. Answer any **five** of the following questions.

2×5=10

- a) Comment briefly on the English used by Yank.
- b) What is represented by the Fifth Avenue?
- c) Which baseball player is mentioned in the novella *The Old Man and the Sea*? How is he related to the story?
- d) “You must get well fast for there is much that I can learn and you can teach me everything.”- Who says this, to whom and when?
- e) Comment on the role of the narrator in the story “The Purloined Letter.”
- f) Comment briefly on the weather as described in the story “Dry September.”
- g) “And that has made all the difference.”- Explain briefly.
- h) What are the technological achievements mentioned in Whitman’s “A Passage to India”?

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions.

5×2=10

- a) Comment briefly on the allegorical interpretation of the novella *The Old Man and the Sea*.

b) Discuss how the white women are treated by white men as depicted in the story “Dry September.”

c) Attempt a brief note on the theme of the poem “The Prologue.”

4. Answer any **one** of the following questions.

10×1=10

a) Do you think *The Hairy Ape* is a social satire?— Elucidate.

b) Discuss “The Purloined Letter” as a detective story.

c) Discuss the poem “O Captain, my Captain” as an elegy.