

2023
M.A. 4TH Semester Examination
ENGLISH
COURSE - ENG-401
AMERICAN LITERATURE
Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.

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

1. Answer any two of the following : 8 x 2

- a) Attempt a study of the symbols employed by Melville in *Moby Dick*.
- b) Do you consider Santiago in *The Old Man and the Sea* as a representative Hemingway Code-hero? Justify your answer.
- c) Bring out the autobiographical elements in *The Glass Menagerie*.
- d) Discuss Miller's *Death of a Salesman* as a modern tragedy.

2. Answer any four of the following : 4 x 4

- a) Bring out the significance of the prophecies made by Fedallah.
- b) Attempt an interpretation of Santiago's dreams in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- c) Comment on the role of Manolin in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- d) "All pretty girls are a trap, a pretty trap, and men expect them to be." - Explain
- e) Comment on the role of The Woman in *Death of a Salesman*.
- f) How does "Lady Lazarus" demonstrate a female artist's struggle for autonomy in a patriarchal society?

3. Answer any four of the following : 2 x 4

- a) What was Doubloon? Why did Ahab nail it on the mast?
- b) What do the expressions 'la mar' and 'el mar' signify?
- c) Why does Santiago say, "I am a strange old man"?
- d) What symbolic purpose does the Unicorn serve in *The Glass Menagerie*?
- e) What does Willy's action of sowing the seed symbolize?
- f) How does Lady Lazarus address a man?

(Internal Assessment-10)

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(Turn Over)

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