

**U.G. 3rd Semester Examination - 2021****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) "I doubted if I should ever come back." Why does the speaker doubt if he should ever come back?
- b) "The ship is anchored safe and sound" —What is meant by the expression 'ship is anchored'?
- c) "... And poesy made Calliope's own child?"— Who is Calliope?
- d) Instead of 'bays' what does the poet in "The Prologue" desire as a token of appreciation?
- e) What does the poet refer to as the 'great achievements of the present' in the poem "Passage to India"?

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- f) Who calls the firemen 'comrades'?
- g) In which city is the story "The Purloined Letter" set?
- h) Where did Dupin ultimately find the purloined letter in the Minister's apartment?
- i) Whom did Minnie Cooper live with?
- j) Why does Miss Minnie stop accepting invitations to parties?
- k) Why does the old man call the sea 'La mar'?
- l) Who is Joe DiMaggio?
- m) What is the profession of Yank in *The Hairy Ape*?
- n) What does 'fearful trip' refer to?
- o) Who are the 'woobies' in *The Hairy Ape*?

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

2×5=10

- a) In the poem 'The Road Not Taken', how does the speaker resolve the dilemma of choosing the road?
- b) "Here Captain dear father!  
This arm beneath your head!" – Why does the speaker in the poem address the 'captain' as 'father'?

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- c) "Lo, soul! Seest thou not God's purpose from the first?" — Which purpose of God is referred here?
- d) Who is the Genoese? What was his dream?
- e) Why did Dupin intentionally leave his snuffbox at the Minister's apartment?
- f) What is known about the person who had given Prefect G the task of recovering the Purloined letter?
- g) What things does Santiago think of while the marlin pulls?
- h) Why did the prefect of police want the assistance of the detective?

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

5×2=10

- a) Comment on the ending of the novella *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- b) Discuss the depiction of racism in the context of American society in the short story "Dry September".
- c) Consider "The Purloined Letter" as a tale of ratiocination.

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

10×1=10

- a) How does the sea emerge as a character in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- b) Write a note on the character of Yank as a modern tragic hero from the proletariat class (Working class) in the play *The Hairy Ape*.
- c) Discuss the significance of Anne Bradstreet's "The Prologue" as a poem on the freedom of women as artists.

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