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M. A. ENGLISH

Paper III

AMERICAN LITERATURE - II

Time : Three Hours] [Maximum Marks : 80

Note : Section 'A' consists of eight very short answer type questions, all of which are compulsory and should be attempted first. Section 'B' consists of four short answer type questions with internal options. Section 'C' consists of four long answer type questions with internal choice.

Section 'A'

1. Answer the following very short answer type questions in one or two sentences. $2 \times 8 = 16$

- (a) What does the 'ape' symbolize in 'The Hairy Ape'?
- (b) Why does Mildred go down into the stokehole?
- (c) What was the first title of the play The Emperor Jones?

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- (d) What surrounds the Salesman's house?
- (e) At the beginning of the play, where is Laura supposedly attending classes?
- (f) Why does Caroline change Benjamin's name?
- (g) During his struggle with the marlin, what does Santiago wish repeatedly?
- (h) Where does Huck hide the Wilks family gold?

Section 'B'

Answer the following short answer type questions with word limit 200-250. $4 \times 4 = 16$

1. Write a note on the symbols in 'The Hairy Ape'.

Or

Write a short note on Henry Smithers.

2. Discuss realism in 'Death of a Salesman'.

Or

Comment on the theme of illusion *versus* reality in 'The Glass Menagerie'.

3. Evaluate the narrative technique of Faulkner's 'The Sound and the Fury'.

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Discuss 'The old man and the Sea' as a tragedy.

4. What is the significance of the letter 'A' in 'The Scarlet Letter' ?

Or

Write a note on the epic strain in 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'.

Section 'C'

Answer the following long answer type questions with word limit 400-450. **4 × 12 = 48**

1. Discuss 'The Hairy Ape' as a comedy of ancient and modern life.

Or

Write a note on the 'expressionistic technique' in 'The Emperor Jones'.

2. Justify how 'Death of a Salesman' may be seen as a social commentary on American Society.

Or

Bring out the symbolical element in 'The Glass Menagerie'.

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3. 'In the sound and the Fury' "the old conventional subject of an aristocratic family in decline is lifted to the level of tragedy." Discuss.

Or

Discuss the themes in 'The old man and the Sea'.

4. Critically evaluate 'The Scarlet Letter' as a psychological novel exploring the American experience.

Or

Mark Twain describes Huck as a boy "with a sound heart and a deformed conscience". Do you agree ? Substantiate your answer with a first hand knowledge of the text.

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