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# M. A. (Final) Examination, 2022 ENGLISH Paper Third (American Literature)

Time : Three Hours] [Maximum Marks:100

Note-Attempt all questions as directed.

# Unit - I

Write short notes in about 250 words on any five of the following: [5×4=20]

- (a) Puritanism
- (b) Democracy in America
- (c) Romanticism in America
- (d) Indian Thought in Emerson

(e)	Henry David Thoreau's Contribution to American
	Literary and Philosophical Movement

- (f) Expressionism
- (g) Naturalism
- (h) Existentialism
- (i) The Threatre of the Absurd
- (j) Realism.

### Unit - II

How does "I Hear America Singing" represent a transcendental viewpoint as opposed to one based on literary realism?

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# OR

Critical appreciation of the poem "Bring Me the Sunset in a Cup" written by Emily Dickinson.

# OR

Write a detailed note on the symbolism and personification used in the poem "The Road Not Taken" written by Robert Frost.

## OR

Explain Sylvia Plath as a Confessional Poet with ref-

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erence to Poem "Lady Lazarus" and "Daddy" prescribed for your study.

### Unit - III

What is Miller's criticism on the American dream in All My Sons? 20

# OR

What would Albee's play be like if it were set in a different country? How distinctly American is *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* 

# OR

Comment on *The Emperor Jones* as an Expressionist play.

### OR

How is *The Glass Menagerie* a tragedy?

### **Unit - IV**

Explain the significance of the title of Faulkner's *The Sound and the Fury.* **20** 

# OR

Describe the relationship between the old man and the boy in *The Old Man and the Sea*.

OR

How does The Scarlet Letter relate to today's world?

# OR

In Twain's *The adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, how does Huck change throughout the book?

### Unit - V

Society everywhere is in conspiracy against the manhood. Justify this statement in context of Emerson's Self Reliance. 20

### OR

What is the summary of Emerson's Essay "The Over -Soul"?

## OR

What is Thoreau hinting at in "Civil Disobedience" when he says that the "remedy is worse than the evil"? Why does he condemn the men who do not take action because they are not part of a majority?

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