WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Supplementary Examination, 2021

ENGACOR05T-ENGLISH (CC5)

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time Allotted: 2 Hours   Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.

SECTION-I

1.   Answer any ***one*** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15

  (a) Critically evaluate Anne Bradstreet's feminist view point in the poem, "The Prologue".

OR

  (b) How does India appeal to Walt Whitman in his poem, "A Passage to India"?

2.   Locate and annotate any ***one*** of the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5

  (a)   "I've known rivers:

               Ancient, dusky rivers."

  (b) "For what is the present after all but a growth out of the past?"

SECTION-II

3.   Answer any ***one*** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15

  (a) Discuss the appropriateness of the title "Beloved" with reference to Morrison's novel.

OR

  (b) How is Morrison's novel *Beloved* a tribute to the 'middle-passage'?

4.   Answer any ***three*** short questions from the following in about 200 words each: 5×3 = 15

  (a) Briefly comment on the role of fate in "The Ambitious Guest."

  (b) Write a short note on the significant differences between the Old South and the New South in Faulkner's story, "Dry September".

  (c) Do you consider Edgar Allan Poe's "The Purloined Letter" as a successful detective story? Justify in brief.

  (d) Briefly illustrate the theme of disillusionment in F. Scott Fitzgerald's short story, "The Crack-Up".

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (as in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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