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First Degree Programme under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Elective Course

EN 1661.2 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2020 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or sentences.
1. What is confessional poetry?
2. Who is the 'captain' mentioned in *O Captain My Captain*?
3. Who is Winston Tutwiler?
4. "If it doesn't come bursting" What does 'it' refer to?
5. Who wrote the poem *Her Kind*?
6. What must the 'listener' have according to Wallace Stevens?
7. What is the meaning of *Ars Poetica*?
8. Who are the 'letters' intended audience?

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9. Who is Sethe?
10. Where does the narrator go in the celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Answer any **eight** each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words.

11. What is the reference to "the vessel grim and daring"?
12. What are the various reasons why one should and should not write according to Bukowski?
13. Why did Sethe kill Beloved?
14. Why does Dr. King decry moderation?
15. How does Archibald explain the various elements of a successful poem?
16. Why did the American girl go alone to the Acropolis?
17. What is the meaning of 'Sabbath Lull' in the short story *The Outcasts of Poker Flat*?
18. Why is Wheeler trying to get people to listen to his tall tales?
19. Who is the witch in the poem *Her Kind*?
20. What are the four similes used in the poem *Ars Poetica*?
21. What is the main idea of the poem *What Were They Like*?
22. What is the setting of the poem *O Captain, My Captain*?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

- III. Answer any **six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
23. How is the treatment of religion depicted in *The Outcasts of Poker Flat*?
 24. Why was Martin Luther King in Birmingham?
 25. Why does the Black Community of Cincinnati keep their distance from 124?
 26. How did the glove provide an opportunity for romance?
 27. How does the poem stress the humanity of the Vietnamese?
 28. Identify the elements of modernism in *The Snowman*.
 29. Write a note on Smiley.
 30. What according to Alice Walker is needed to appreciate art and life?
 31. 'One must have a mind of winter'. Annotate.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

- IV. Answer any **two** each in about **300** words.
32. Discuss the major poetic device in Whitman's *O Captain, My Captain*.
 33. How does Martin Luther King defend the strategy of nonviolent resistance in *Letter from Birmingham Jail*?
 34. *Beloved* presents unflinchingly the unthinkable cruelty of slavery. Explain.
 35. Write an essay on Walker's take on the importance of models in an artist's life.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)