

# **ED-507**

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, March-April 2021

# **ENGLISH**

Paper - III

American Literature - I

*Time* : Three Hours] [Maximum Marks : 80

**Note** : Answer **all** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain with reference to the context any **four** of the following passages :

(a) Endless unfolding of words of ages! And mine a word of the modern, the word En-Masse. A word of the faith that never balks, Here or henceforward it is all the same to me, I accept Time absolutely.
(b) It is time to explain myself — let us stand up. What is known I strip away, I launch all men and women forward with me into the Unknown. The clock indicates the moment — but

what does eternity indicate?

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(Turn Over)

# (2)

( <i>c</i> )	And then a Plank in Reason, broke,
	And I dropped down, and down -
	And hit a World, at every plunge,
	And Finished knowing - then -
(d)	I've heard it in the chilliest land -
	And on the strangest Sea -
	Yet - never, in Extremity,
	It asked a crumb - of me.
( <i>e</i> )	It's when I'm weary of considerations,
	And life is too much like a pathless wood
	Where your face burns and tickles with the cobwebs
	Broken across it, and one eye is weeping
	From a twig's having lashed across it
	open.
( <i>f</i> )	An ant on the tablecloth
	Ran into a dormant moth

- Ran into a dormant moth Of many times his size. He showed not the least surprise.
- (g) What I must do, is all that concerns me, not what the people think. This rule equally arduous in actual and in intellectual life, may serve for the whole distinction between greatness and meanness.

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- (3)
- (h) Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life's cultivation; but of the adopted talent of another, you have only an extemporaneous, half possession.
- 2. Write a critical appreciation of Poe's 'Dream Land'.

#### OR

'Song of Myself' is as much a song of America as of Walt Whitman.

**3.** Discuee the theme of pain and suffering in Emily Dickinson's poetry.

### OR

Comment on Stevens' characteristics as a poet with reference to the poems you have read.

**4.** Discuss the main characteristics of Frost's poetry.

#### OR

Write a note on Sylvia Plath as a confessional poet.

5. Write a note on Emerson's views on self-reliance as it relates on society.

# OR

What distinction does Thoreau made between the Government and the people in his essay 'Civil Disobedience'?

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