

MAEG-10
June - Examination 2019
MA (Final) English Examination
American Literature
Paper - MAEG-10

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks :- 80

Note: The question paper is divided into three sections A, B and C. Write answers as per given instructions.

Section - A

8 × 2 = 16

(Very Short Answer Questions)

Note: This Section - A contains 8 (eight) very short answer type questions. All questions are compulsory. Each question carries 2 (two) marks and maximum word limit for each answer will be 30 words.

- 1) (i) What poetic structure is Walt Whitman known for?
- (ii) What theme is pervasive in Dickinson's poetry?
- (iii) What is the meaning of the title 'A Farewell to Arms'?
- (iv) Who gave the cat call after midnight in "The adventures of Huckleberry Finn"?
- (v) How is music used as a motif in the play "The Glass Menagerie"?

- (vi) What protection does Jones evoke against spells and ghosts in 'The Emperor Jones'?
- (vii) In "The American Scholar" what trait did Emerson see as crucial for the scholar?
- (viii) What is the "Small good thing" referred to in the title?

Section - B

$4 \times 8 = 32$

(Short Answer Questions)

Note: This Section - B contains Eight Short Answer Type Questions. Examinees will have to answer any four (04) question. Each question is of 8 marks. Examinees have to delimit each answer in maximum 200 words.

- 2) Analyse the poem "Crossing Brooklyn Ferry".
- 3) What is Robert Frost's message in the poem "Stopping by the woods in snowy evening" Discuss.
- 4) Write the character sketch of 'Pearl' of "The Scarlet Letter"?
- 5) Who is Maureen? What does she represent in the novel "The Bluest Eyes"?
- 6) How is Willy a tragic hero in "Death of a salesman"?
- 7) What is the main idea of "The American Scholar" by R.W. Emerson.
- 8) Is Raymond Carver's "A small good thing" a pessimistic or optimistic story? Discuss.
- 9) Who is Catherine Barkley in "A farewell to Arms"?

Section - C**2 × 16 = 32**

(Long Answer Questions)

Note: This Section - C contains 4 Long answer type questions. Examinees will have to answer any two (02) questions. Each question is of 16 marks. Examinees have to answer in maximum 500 words.

- 10) How do the poems of Emily Dikenson and Robert Frost touch on the themes of death and loss? Elaborate.
- 11) “The Bluest Eyes” is an insightful examination of the role of superficial prejudices in shaping culture and character. Elucidate.
- 12) “Death of a saleman” is one of the foundational text describing the American dream. Discuss.
- 13) Explain Hawthorne’s view on human nature regarding acceptance and theme of sin and revenge in ‘The scarlet letter’.
