WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2020, held in 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 *two* of the following in about 500 words: 15×2 = 30

    (a) Show how Walt Whitman's 'Passage to India' celebrates a pre-established connection between the East of spiritual quest and the West of scientific progress.

    (b) Is the poem 'Prologue' a critique of the patriarchal set-up in American Literature?

    (c) "The four rivers that Langston Hughes mentions are not just random names, they form the core of the Negro identity."— Discuss.

    (d) How does Sherman Alexie use the symbol of the 'crow' to narrate the history of abuse and forceful assimilation of the native Americans in the poem 'Crow Testament'?

    OR

    Critically evaluate the theme of exploitation as projected in the poem 'Evolution'.

SECTION-II

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

    (a) Show how Toni Morrison uses two historic times as well as two locales simultaneously as the setting of the novel 'Beloved'.

    OR

    (b) Write a detailed note on the female characters in the novel 'Beloved'.

3. Answer any *one* short question from the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5

    (a) 'The Purloined Letter' recommends the approach of a combined poet and mathematician. Elaborate.

    (b) What types of autobiographical elements can one find in the essays entitled 'The Crack-up'?

    (c) What happens to the character of Will Mayes in the short story 'Dry September'?

    (d) Illustrate the use of nature imagery in the short story 'Ambitious Guest'.

    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 (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

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