



KE-237-38

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B. A. (Sem. V) Examination

October / November - 2017

English : CC-509

1. Introduction to American Literature

2. Introduction to Commonwealth Literature

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

1. Introduction to American Literature

Instruction : All questions carry equal marks.

1 (a) Discuss the structure of the play *Death of a Salesman*. 14

OR

(b) Examine *Death of a Salesman* as a social commentary on the American society. 14

2 (a) Critically appreciate the poem 'O Captain My Captain'. 14

OR

(b) "The Road not Taken" is a poem about making choices." Evaluate. 14

3 (a) Examine the main theme of *A Farewell to Arms*. 14

OR

(b) Bring out the significance of the title *A Farewell to Arms*. 14

4 Show your acquaintance with any **four** of the following : 14

- The Scarlet Letter
- Leaves of Grass
- All My Sons
- The American Scholar
- The Old Man and the Sea
- Moby Dick

5 Answer any **seven** of the following questions : 14

- (1) Name the company for which Willy Loman worked as a salesman.
- (2) Who is Charley?
- (3) Which award did Miller receive for the play Death of a Salesman?
- (4) In the poem Because I Could Not Stop for Death what is Death personified as?
- (5) Who is referred to as captain in the poem O Captain My Captain?
- (6) How old was Silvia Plath when her father died?
- (7) Henry was from America. Where was Catherine from?
- (8) What is Henry's job in the novel A Farewell to Arms?
- (9) What is Rinaldi's profession in the novel A Farewell to Arms?
- (10) Who is the author of The Grapes of Wrath?
- (11) Which alphabet is used as the scarlet letter?
- (12) What is the profession of Moses in Saul Bellow's novel Herzog?

2. Introduction to Commonwealth Literature

- Instructions :** (1) Indicate your options clearly.
(2) All the questions carry equal marks.

- 1 (a) "'The Lion and the Jewel' deals with rapid modernization of Africa, the marginization of women as property and conflict between traditional and educational beliefs." - Discuss. 14

OR

- (b) Discuss 'The Lion and the Jewel' as a satirical comedy.

- 2 (a) "Disgrace is about personal shame, the subjugation of women, a changing country, animal rights, and romantic poetry and its symbolism." - Discuss. 14

OR

- (b) Comment on the plot construction of 'Disgrace'.

- 3 (a) "Ice Candy Man describes the harrowing tale of Partition days" - Discuss. 14

OR

- (b) "'Ice Candy Man' realistically represents the exploitation and suppression of women." Elaborate.

- 4 Show your acquaintance with the following writers : 14
(Any four)

- (1) Nadine Gordimer.
- (2) Rupa Bajwa.
- (3) Lisa Moore.
- (4) Patrick White.
- (5) Ben Okri.
- (6) Shashi Tharoor.

5 Answer the following questions in short :

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(Any Seven)

- (1) Why does Sidi not want to marry Lakunle?
- (2) What is the locale and time span of *The Lion and the Jewel* ?
- (3) Name the lion and jewel in the play '*The Lion and the Jewel*' ?
- (4) Name the woman who came in the life of David Lurie.
- (5) When was the novel '*Disgrace*' published ? What prize was it awarded ?
- (6) Who charged a sexual harassment complaint against David Lurie ?
- (7) Name the cook and gardener of Lenny's house.
- (8) What is another title of '*Ice Candy Man*' ?
- (9) What is the real name of Ayah in '*Ice Candy Man*' ?
- (10) Mention two traits of Rohinton Mistry.
- (11) To which country does Charles Mungoshi belong ?
- (12) Name any two works by Chinua Achebe.