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Third Semester

Faculty of Language and Literature

Branch I : English

LEN 03 PC 11—AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2012—2018 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

I. Answer any *five* of the following, each in a *paragraph* of about 50 words. Weight 1 each :

- 1 Describe how literature struck roots in America.
- 2 Comment on the setting of “The Raven.”
- 3 Explain the death-metaphor in “I felt a funeral in my brain.”
- 4 Write about the legend behind “Cherokee Rose.”
- 5 Examine the reasons for the failure of Willy Loman.
- 6 Highlight the significance of the title “Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf ?”
- 7 Discuss isolation as the major theme of “Bartleby the Scrivener.”
- 8 Explain “Transcendentalism.”

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part B

II. Attempt a short note on any *five* of the following each in about 100 words. Weight 2 each :

- 9 Explain what Reising terms “the problem of exclusivity.”
- 10 Analyze the imagery in “There was a Child Went Forth.”
- 11 Examine the theme of racial oppression in “Ka Ba.”
- 12 Consider “Self Portrait at 28” a confessional poem.

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- 13 Examine the tone of lamentation for the loss of the old South in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
- 14 Bring out the allegory in “Young Goodman Brown.”
- 15 Discuss the historical context of *Grapes of Wrath*.
- 16 Explain how, according to Du Bois, the problems of the Blacks is not merely an internal question of America.

(5 × 2 = 10)

Part C

III. Attempt an essay on any *three* of the following each in about 300 words. Weight 5 each :

- 17 Trace the quest for cultural freedom from Europe in the early American Literature.
- 18 Comment on the tone of sarcasm in “Try to Remember Some Details.”
- 19 Illustrate Poe’s theory of poetic composition.
- 20 Appreciate the theme of illusion vs. reality in *Death of a Salesman*.
- 21 Comment on the allegory in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- 22 Explain how Emerson redefines “scholar” and “scholarship” in “American Scholar.”

(3 × 5 = 15)

