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Sixth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, April 2023

First Degree Programme Under CBCSS

English Language and Literature

Elective Course

EN 1661.2 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

(2020 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a word or sentence.
1. The captain in Whitman's poem represents _____.
2. "Letter from Birmingham Jail" is a speech delivered by _____.
3. What is an elegy?
4. Who wrote the play *The Wrecker*?
5. Who wrote *The Snowman*?
6. What does the phrase *Ars Poetica* mean?
7. The poem *Her Kind* is included in the collection _____.
8. Who killed *Beloved*?
9. Which Lord sent out letter left, right and center?
10. Who is the protagonist of the story *The Outcasts of Poker Flat*?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

- II. Answer any **eight** each in a short paragraph not exceeding **50** words
11. What are the two books that Alice Walker cites to assist her analogy of forms?
 12. Why is Wheeler trying to get people to listen to his tall tales?
 13. Why did Sethe kill Beloved?
 14. What is the spinster doing in Byron's love letter?
 15. How does Archibald explain the various elements of a successful poem?
 16. What is the context of the poem *So You Want to Be a Writer*?
 17. What is the setting of *O Captain My Captain*?
 18. What does the poet mean by 'the mind of winter'?
 19. Who is John Oakhurst?
 20. How did Paul D get his freedom?
 21. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem *Ars Poetica*?
 22. How does the Dr King's 'letter' deal with the subject of race?

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

- III. Answer any **six**, each in a paragraph not exceeding **100** words.
23. How is 'inscape' used in the poem *What Were They Like*?
 24. Comment on the lines "A poem should be palpable and mute as a globed fruit".
 25. Why does the Black Community of Cincinnati keep their distance from 124?
 26. Comment on Sethe's scar used as a symbol in the novel *Beloved*.
 27. Comment on the Deuce of Clubs.
 28. How did the glove of Spinster's grandmother provide an opportunity for romance?

29. Write a note on the poetic devices used in *So You Want to Be a Writer*.
30. Write a note on the themes depicted in the play *The wrecker*.
31. Narrate the story of young woman's meeting with Lord Byron.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Answer any **two**, each in about **300** words.

32. Write an essay on the strategy of nonviolent resistance according to Martin Luther King.
33. *Beloved* is a novel that portrays the strength of motherhood centred around her children. Elucidate.
34. Write an essay on the idea of refusal that is depicted in *So You Want to be a Writer*?
35. *The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County* signals Twain's arrival on the American literary scene.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)