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I Semester M.A. Degree Examination, March/April - 2025

ENGLISH

American Literature

(CBCS Semester Scheme)

Paper : 1.4

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks :70

I. Write a short note on any Four of the following.

(4×5=20)

1. Role of intuition in *Self-Reliance*.
2. Imagery on "O Much of Life".
3. The social and political climate of the 1960s America.
4. "Good fences make good neighbors".
5. The White Tiger in *women worrier*
6. Mr.Kapasi
7. Significance of Santiago's battle with the marlin



II. Answer any Five of the following in the form of an essay:

(5×10=50)

8. Write a note on the African American experiences.
9. The use of Salem witch trials as an allegory to explore themes of hysteria, power, and integrity in Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.
10. Compare and contrast the treatment of individualism in Emerson's *Self-Reliance* and the moral call for resistance in Thoreau's *Civil Disobedience*.
11. Discuss how "Dr.Heidegger's Experiment" critiques human vanity and ambition.
12. Critically discuss the significance of Malcolm X's central metaphor "the ballot or the bullet" in framing his argument for change.
13. Examine the role of both verbal and non-verbal communication in "The Interpreter of Maladies."
14. In what way does the title "Why I Am a Pagan" encapsulate the central message of the essay? Discuss.
15. Discuss how Melville uses the office setting in "Bartleby, the Scrivener" to symbolize the dehumanizing effects of bureaucracy and modern urban life.