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(2020 Admission Onwards)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

ENG 3C11 : American Literature

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Write **four** essays of **350** words selecting **one** from **each** Section : (4×10=40)

SECTION – A

- 1) Comment on the significance of Harlem Renaissance.
- 2) What are the key features of 20th century American drama ?

SECTION – B

- 3) Explore the role of confessional poetry in "Daddy" and how Sylvia Plath uses personal experiences to address broader societal issues.
- 4) Discuss the portrayal of India in "Passage to India" and how Walt Whitman presents its cultural and spiritual richness.

SECTION – C

- 5) Analyze the elements of tragedy in "Long Day's Journey into Night."
- 6) Illusion and Reality in "A Streetcar Named Desire".

SECTION – D

- 7) Comment on the element of satire in Huckleberry Finn.
- 8) Analyze the significance of the title "The Bluest Eye".

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II. Annotate **four** of the following selecting **any two** from **each** Section : (4×5=20)

SECTION – A

- 9) Shadow and sunlight are the same;
The vanished gods to me appear;
And one to me are shame and fame.
- 10) "What we call the beginning is often the end and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."
- 11) Daddy, I have had to kill you.
You died before I had time —

SECTION – B

- 12) "The past is the present, and the future, too".
- 13) None of us can help the things life has done to us. They're done before you realize it, and once they're done, they make you do other things, until at last, everything comes between you and what you'd like to be, and you've lost your true self forever."
- 14) But some day, dear, I will find [my soul] again – some day when you're all well, and I see you healthy and happy and successful, and I don't have to feel guilty any more.

III. Write short notes on **any four** of the following : (4×5=20)

- 15) Analyze the significance of the streetcar symbol in the play and its connection to Blanche's journey.
- 16) What is the central argument that Thoreau presents in "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience" ?
- 17) How does Whitman depict the cultural and spiritual richness of India in the poem ?
- 18) Bravery in "Death in the afternoon".
- 19) How does Adrienne Rich explore the theme of silence in the poem ?
- 20) Puritanism.
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