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Fourth Semester M.A. Degree Examination, April 2007  
ENGLISH

## Paper – XI : American Literature

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Annotate **four** of the following without omitting either Section :

## SECTION – A

- 1) O rising stars !  
Perhaps the one I want so much will rise, will rise with some of you.
- 2) We paused before a house that seemed  
A swelling of the ground ;
- 3) It's when I'm weary of considerations,  
And life is too much like a pathless wood.
- 4) There's a stake in your fat black heart  
And the villagers never liked you.
- 5) and let the boys  
Bring flowers in last month's newspapers.
- 6) And so, as Kinsmen met a night,  
We talked between the rooms.

## SECTION – B

- 7) This is our hope. This is the faith  
that I go back to the south with.
- 8) So we have come here to dramatize a shameful condition.

(4×5=20)

II. Attempt **two** essays, choosing **one** from **each** Section :

## SECTION – A

- 9) "Whitman's poetic message is the transcending of time and achieving a philosophy of death" – Discuss.
- 10) Examine "I Have a Dream" as a proclamation of emancipation.
- 11) Consider Emerson's "Self-Reliance" as the perfect expression of the theme of moral and intellectual independence.



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SECTION – B

- 12) Discuss Huckleberry Finn as a novel that shows Huck's journey from innocence to experience.
- 13) "The Invisible Man presents a gallery of extraordinary characters and circumstances expressed through different narrative styles against which the ordinary hero defines or fails to define himself." Discuss.
- 14) Critically examine Baraka's symbolic style in The Dutchman. (2×20=40)

III. Write short notes on **any four** of the following :

- 15) Emerson's prose styles.
- 16) Symbolism in The Oldman and the Sea. ✓
- 17) Ishmael in Moby Dick. ✓
- 18) Rituals and Mythology in Ceremony.
- 19) Wildness and pathos of bitter comedy in Seize the Day.
- 20) Willy Loman as a personification of the success myth. ✓
- 21) Subversion of myth in The Dutchman. ✓
- 22) Expressionism in The Hairy Ape. (4×5=20)