



## **ED-507**

M.A. 3rd Semester  
Examination, March-April 2021

### **ENGLISH**

Paper - III

American Literature - I

*Time* : Three Hours]      [*Maximum Marks* : 80

**Note** : Answer **all** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain with reference to the context any **four** of the following passages :

(a) Endless unfolding of words of ages!  
And mine a word of the modern, the  
word En-Masse.

A word of the faith that never balks,  
Here or henceforward it is all the same  
to me, I accept Time absolutely.

(b) It is time to explain myself — let us stand  
up.

What is known I strip away,  
I launch all men and women forward with  
me into the Unknown.

The clock indicates the moment — but  
what does eternity indicate ?

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*(Turn Over)*

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- (c) And then a Plank in Reason, broke,  
And I dropped down, and down -  
And hit a World, at every plunge,  
And Finished knowing - then -
- (d) I've heard it in the chilliest land -  
And on the strangest Sea -  
Yet - never, in Extremity,  
It asked a crumb - of me.
- (e) It's when I'm weary of considerations,  
And life is too much like a pathless  
wood  
Where your face burns and tickles with  
the cobwebs  
Broken across it, and one eye is weeping  
From a twig's having lashed across it  
open.
- (f) An ant on the tablecloth  
Ran into a dormant moth  
Of many times his size.  
He showed not the least surprise.
- (g) What I must do, is all that concerns me,  
not what the people think. This rule  
equally arduous in actual and in  
intellectual life, may serve for the whole  
distinction between greatness and  
meanness.

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(h) Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life's cultivation; but of the adopted talent of another, you have only an extemporaneous, half possession.

2. Write a critical appreciation of Poe's 'Dream Land'.

**OR**

'Song of Myself' is as much a song of America as of Walt Whitman.

3. Discuss the theme of pain and suffering in Emily Dickinson's poetry.

**OR**

Comment on Stevens' characteristics as a poet with reference to the poems you have read.

4. Discuss the main characteristics of Frost's poetry.

**OR**

Write a note on Sylvia Plath as a confessional poet.

5. Write a note on Emerson's views on self-reliance as it relates on society.

**OR**

What distinction does Thoreau made between the Government and the people in his essay 'Civil Disobedience' ?