

THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN
B.A. Semester III (Honours) Examination 2022 (CBCS)

Subject: English

Paper: CC-V

(American Literature)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to answer in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer **any six** of the following questions: 5X6=30
 - a. Bring out the allusion in the last four lines of "The Purloined Letter."
 - b. Why does Anne Bradstreet criticize the male society in "The Prologue"?
 - c. How does Whitman sing of the divine plan of God in "Passage to India"?
 - d. Mention some of the factors that led to Fitzgerald's "Crack-up."
 - e. "Among the ashes of Jericho, / Crow sacrifices his firstborn son."--Bring out the allusion and comment on it.
 - f. Comment briefly on the tone of Fitzgerald's "The Crack-Up."
 - g. How is Miss Minnie Cooper presented in Faulkner's "Dry September"?
 - h. "Let Greeks be Greeks, and Women what they are."--Explain the line.

2. Answer **any three** of the following questions: 10x3=30
 - a. How is the American way of life is represented through the character of Tom Sawyer in Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?
 - b. Is "The Purloined Letter" a successful detective story? Justify your answer.
Or
Discuss the theme of racism in Faulkner's "Dry September."
 - c. Discuss the significance of the title of Whitman's "Passage to India."
Or
How does "The Prologue" exemplify Bradstreet's position of humility?
 - d. Comment on Sherman Alexie's use of symbols and dark humour in "The Crow Testament."
 - e. Make an estimate of the character of Amanda in Tennessee William's *The Glass Menagerie*.