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BASENC 382

**Choice Based Credit System VI Semester B.A. Examination,
September 2022
(2021 – 22 Onwards)
ENGLISH OPTIONAL
American Literature (Paper – VIII)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 120

SECTION – A

(Background)

- I. Answer **any four** of the following in about **150** words **each** : **(4×10=40)**
- 1) Discuss the characteristics of American Puritanism.
 - 2) Trace the growth of Transcendentalism in a Puritan society.
 - 3) What were the reasons for the American Civil Rights Movement ?
 - 4) What socio-political, economical and cultural reasons do you find behind the concept of American Dream ?
 - 5) Elaborate on the historical significance of Broadway Theatre.

SECTION – B

(Fiction)

- II. Answer **any one** of the following in about **300** words : **(1×16=16)**
- 1) Is Hester, a sinful person ? Give reasons.
 - 2) Write a character sketch of Dimmesdale in the novel The Scarlet Letter.

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SECTION – C

(Drama)

III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **300** words : **(1×16=16)**

- 1) Examine the significance of the title of Tennessee William’s play A Streetcar Named Desire.
- 2) What is the role played by Stanley Kowalski in William’s A Streetcar Named Desire ?

SECTION – D

(Poetry)

IV. Answer **any three** of the following in about **300** words : **(3×16=48)**

- 1) How is the central idea developed in the poem “Brahma” ?
 - 2) Analyse the universality of the theme of the poem “A Nation’s Strength”.
 - 3) Write a note on the structure of the poem “Because I Could Not Stop for Death”.
 - 4) How does the poet transform the simple experiences in to metaphysical experiences in the poems “I Died for Beauty” and “I never Saw a Moor” ?
 - 5) How does the poet blend Nature and human nature in “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” ?
 - 6) What is the symbolic meaning of the poem “After Apple-Picking” ?
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