



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2019

ENGACOR05T-ENGLISH (CC5)

PAPER TITLE: AMERICAN LITERATURE



Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

SECTION-I

1. Answer any **one** of the following in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) How does Anne Bradstreet criticize the male society in her poem 'Prologue'?
- OR**
- (b) Evaluate Langston Hughes's poem 'The Negro Speaks of Rivers' as an assertion of the African-American identity.
2. Locate and annotate any **one** of the following in about 200 words: 5×1 = 5
- (a) 'I've known rivers:
Ancient dusky rivers.'
- (b) Damn, says Crow, redemption
is not easy.

SECTION-II

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words: 15×1 = 15
- (a) Discuss the narrative techniques in Morrison's novel 'Beloved'.
- OR**
- (b) Comment on Toni Morrison's projection of the destructive impact of slavery on the human mind in her novel 'Beloved'.
4. Answer any **three** short questions from the following in about 200 words: 5×3 = 15
- (a) Describe in brief the stranger's dream in Hawthorne's 'The Ambitious Guest'.
- (b) Mention briefly the significant differences between the Old South and the New South in Faulkner's short story "Dry September".
- (c) How is Dupin's character presented by Poe in 'The Purloined Letter'?
- (d) Write a brief note on the title 'The Crack-up'.

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