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**SPECIAL ENGLISH**

**CBCS III Year, Semester VI: Paper VIII**

**Cluster Elective VIII-A-1 American Literature 1**

Time: 3 Hours                                                                    75 Marks

I.   Answer any TWO of the following:                            2 X 10 = 20
     1.  What are the characteristic features of American Literature?
     2.  What are the characteristics of Commonwealth Literature?
     3.  What makes American Literature distinct?
     4.  What qualities of the Commonwealth countries do we see in Commonwealth Literature?

II.  Answer any THREE of the following:                         3 X 5 = 15
     1.  Marxist Criticism                    2. Archetypal Criticism
     3.  Psychoanalytical Criticism      4. Feminist Criticism
     5.  Biographical Criticism            6. Sociological Criticism

III. Answer any ONE of the following questions:                1 X 10 = 10
     1.  Summarise 'The Love Song of J Alfred Prufrock'.
     2.  'Prufrock' is a representative writing of T S Eliot. Justify.

IV.  Answer any TWO of the following:                          2 X 10 = 20
     1.  *The Red Badge of Courage* is a novel of triumph. Explain.
     2.  Summarise the plot of *The Red Badge of Courage*.
     3.  To what extent is *The Red Badge of Courage* civil-war fiction?
     4.  Stephen Crane's *The Red Badge of Courage* is a mile-stone publication in American Literature. Justify.

V.   Answer any ONE of the following:                          1 X 10 = 10
     1.  Justify the title *The Streetcar Named Desire*.
     2.  Contrast the characters of Blanche and Stanley.

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**Cluster Elective VIII-A-2American Literature 2**

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   I.   Answer any THREE of the following:                                     3 X 5 = 15
        1. Robert Frost's'Road Not Taken' is a poem about choice. Explain.
        2. Summarise Langston Hughes's poem'I, too'.
        3. Critically appreciate Frost's 'Road Not Taken'.
        4. What is the message of the poem 'I, too'?
  II.   Answer any TWO of the following:                                       2 X 10 = 20
        1. Arthur Miller's*Death of a Salesman* is a modern tragedy. Justify.
        2. What is the theme of the drama *Death of a Salesman*?
        3. Does Willy Loman enjoy the American Dream? Justify your answer.
        4. Sketch the character of Willy Loman.
 III.   Answer any TWO of the following questions:                            2 X 10 = 20
        1. How does the character of Tom Sawyer change in the novel?
        2. Summarise the story of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.
        3. Comment on Mark Twain as a novelist.
        4. What is Tom's relation with other characters in the novel?
 IV.    Answer any ONE of the following:                                      1 X 10 = 10
        1. Summarise*The Great Carbuncle*.
        2. Write on the theme of Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Great Carbuncle*.
  V.    Answer any ONE of the following:                                      1 X 10 = 10
        1. Comment on the narrator of Edgar Allen Poe's 'The Tell-tale Heart'.
        2. 'The Tell-tale Heart' is a master-piece in story-telling. Comment.

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**Cluster Elective VIII-A-3American Literature 3**

Time: 3 Hours                                                                                          75 Marks

  I.   Answer any THREE of the following:                                    3 X 5 = 15
       1. Critically appreciate Emily Dickinson's'Success is counted sweetest'.
       2. Walt Whitman's'O Captain My Captain' is a homage to Lincoln. Elucidate.
       3. What is the theme of the poem 'Success is counted sweetest'?
       4. 'O Captain My Captain' is a unionist poem of the Civil War. Explain.
 II.   Answer any TWO of the following:                                       2 X 10 = 20
       1. Summarise Eugene O'Neill's*Long Day's Journey into Night*.
       2. What is the drama *Long Day's Journey into Night* about?
       3. Sketch the character of Tyrone.
       4. Write an essay on Eugene O'Neill as a dramatist.
III.   Answer any TWO of the following questions:                      2 X 10 = 20
       1. What is the story of Earnest Hemingway's*The Old Man and the Sea*?
       2. What themes can be studied in *The Old Man and the Sea*?
       3. Comment on Hemingway as a novelist.
       4. Sketch the character of Santiago.
 IV.   Answer any ONE of the following:                                     1 X 10 = 10
       1. Summarise Martin Luther King's speech *I have a dream*.
       2. King's *I have a dream* epitomises human aspirations. Explain.
  V.   Answer any ONE of the following:                                     1 X 10 = 10
       1. What is the story of O. Henry's'After Twenty Years'.
       2. 'After Twenty Years' is a story of change and growth. Comment.