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EXAMINATION, 2025

(Fourth Semester)

B23-ENG-404

American Literature

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 70

Before answering the question-paper candidates should ensure that they have been supplied to correct and complete question-paper. No complaint, in this regard, will be entertained after the examination.

Note : Attempt *Five* questions in all, selecting *one* question from each Unit. Q. No. **1** is compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Attempt all the *four* questions in about **150** words each.

- (i) Comment on the final scene of the play *The Glass Menagerie*.
- (ii) What role does intuition play in accessing the 'Over-Soul' ?
- (iii) What does the spider symbolize in the poem "A Noiseless Patient Spider". ?
- (iv) What does the repetition of the line "And miles to go before I sleep" mean ?

2. Discuss the role of escapism in the lives of the Wingfield family. How does each character seek escape and what does this reveal about their psychological and emotional states ?

Or

Examine the character of Amanda Wingfield.

3. Discuss the influence of nature on the formation of the scholar in "The American Scholar". How does Emerson link the natural world with self-development and education ?

Or

Explore the tension between individuality and society in "Self-Reliance".

4. Discuss the central themes of self, soul and transcendence in Walt Whitman's poetry with reference to the poems prescribed in your syllabus.

Or

Examine Whitman's poetic style across the poems prescribed in your syllabus.

5. Nature in Frost's poetry is never merely scenic; it often mirrors complex human emotions and philosophical dilemmas. Comment.

Or

How does Frost juxtapose simplicity of language and form with deep philosophical concerns ? Discuss in reference to the poems in your syllabus.

