

2024

ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : CC-5

(American Literature)

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words
as far as practicable.*

1. Answer the following questions : 1×5
 - (a) What is the meaning of 'Nicéan barks' in Poe's poem 'To Helen'?
 - (b) What is the fifth and final thing that can happen to 'a dream deferred'?
 - (c) Who is the author of 'The Crack-up'?
 - (d) What are the names of Willy Loman's sons in *Death of a Salesman*?
 - (e) In which city is the action of 'The Purloined Letter' set?
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions (within 600 words) : 15×1
 - (a) How does Robert Frost's poem 'After Apple-Picking' engage with the themes of rest, sleep and mortality?
 - (b) Analyze Whitman's 'O Captain! My Captain!' as a dramatic poem in which the drama attains its climax in the third stanza.
 - (c) Is 'Daddy' a confessional poem, or an expression of feminist ideology, or both?
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions (within 600 words) : 15×1
 - (a) Write a note on the use of symbols in Hemingway's novella *The Old Man and the Sea*.
 - (b) Comment on the title of *The Old Man and the Sea*.
4. Answer **any one** of the following questions (within 600 words) : 15×1
 - (a) Analyze 'The Purloined Letter' as a detective story.
 - (b) Comment on the race prejudice as revealed in 'Dry September'.
5. Answer **any one** of the following questions (within 600 words) : 15×1
 - (a) Write a critical note on the character of Willy Loman in *Death of a Salesman*.
 - (b) Can *Death of a Salesman* be read as a criticism of the materialistic dimensions of the American Dream? Discuss.