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IV Semester M.A. Degree Examination, May 2009 ENGLISH (2007 Syllabus) Paper – 13 : American Literature

Time: 3 Hours

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I. Annotate four of the following without omitting either section.

SECTION - A

- 1) The carriage held but just ourselves and immortality.
- 2) A word then, (for I will conquer it). The word final, superior to all, subtle. sent up - what is it ? I listen.
- 3) That would be good both going and coming back.

One could do worse than be a swinges of birches.

- 4) The only emperor is the emperor of ice cream.
- 5) I have given my name and my day clothes to the nurses.
- 6) Such heaps of broken glass to sweep away you'd think the inner dome of heaven rad fallen.

SECTION – B

- 7) This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been scared in the flames of withering injustice.
- 8) Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. $(4 \times 5 = 2v)$
- 11. Attempt any two essays, choosing one from each section :

SECTION – A

9) The virtues of Frost's poetry are virtues produced by a strong sense of dramatic decorum. Substantiate.

10)/Explain Emerson's practical philosophy as described in self-Reliance.

11) Discuss the range of themes in Dickinson.

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SECTION - B

- (12) Unravel the characters of Ishmael portrayed in Old Man and the Sea.
- 13) Discuss alienation, loneliness and meaninglessness as burdens that the protagonist of soul Bellow carries with him.
- 14) Comment on Amiri Baraka's interrogation of American myths that support the American perception of race and gender. (2×20=40)
- III. Write short notes on any four of the following :
 - 15) Dream of Martin Luther King.
 - 16) Synaesthetic approach of Toni Morrison.
 - i7) Epilogue in Death of a salesman.
 - (9), Silver Bullet in O'Neill's The Emperor Jones
 - 20) Description of society in <u>Self-Reliance</u>
 - 21) Humour in Huckleberry Finn.
 - 22) Imagery in Tulips.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20)$