

Ba/El Eng-601 (A)

2018

(6th Semester)

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Paper No. : EL ENG-601 (a)

**[American Literature (Poetry, Prose
and Language Skills)]**

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 54)

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. (a) Whitman had a great admiration for the President, Lincoln. After his assassination, Whitman mourns his death using elaborate conventions drawn from the natural world and society. Explain. 10

Or

- (b) Despite personal tragedies the assassination of the President is felt to be a great national tragedy in *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd*. Elaborate.

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2. (a) In *Because I could not stop for Death*, the poet dramatically presents her encounter with Death and Eternity. Explain. 10

Or

(b) Emily Dickinson's poem is remarkable for its descriptive technique. Elaborate with reference to the poems you have read.

3. (a) In *Birches*, Frost uses a realistic image with symbolic representation of the real and ideal world. Illustrate. 10

Or

(b) Explain how the poem, *The Road Not Taken* is a reflection on making choices in life.

4. (a) "Every moment instructs and every object; for wisdom is infused into every form."
Elaborate the above statement after Emerson. 10

Or

(b) Counteraction is another of Emerson's topics. He wrote that every action has a counteraction, or something that slows it down, or gets it off course. Illustrate.

(3)

5. (a) Assess Emerson as an Essayist. 14

Or

(b) Attempt a comparative study of Emerson and Whitman.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 16)

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1. Answer the following questions : 2×8=16

- (a) Describe how *I Hear America Singing* is the best example of America's democracy and its working-class people.

(b) With what images and pictures does Whitman wish to adorn the grave of Lincoln?

- (c) What are the conventional images Dickinson uses associated with death in *Because I could not stop for Death*?

(4)

(d) Explain how *I Heard a Fly Buzz—When I Died* focusses on the moment just before death.

(5)

- (e) Describe how Frost gives a symbolic meaning of swinging of birches in his life.

(f) "I took the one less travelled by
And that has made all the difference."

Explain the above lines after the speaker in the poem, *The Road Not Taken*.

(7)

(g) What are the secrets of nature according to Emerson?

(h) Why does Emerson opine that a person living with modern amenities is unable to appreciate beautiful things in nature?
