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(6th Semester)

ELECTIVE ENGLISH

Paper : 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's *When Lilacs Last in the
Dooryard Bloom'd* is the American variety
of elegy. Explain. 10

Or

- (b) Whitman projects the picture of a happy
and strong America in *I Hear America
Singing*. Discuss.

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2. (a) Describe the theme presented by Emily Dickinson in *Because I could not stop for Death*. 10

Or

- (b) Most of Dickinson's poems deal with journey of human soul. Examine *I Heard a Fly Buzz—When I Died* in the light of the given statement.

3. (a) Comment on the difficulty and significance of making a choice in Frost's *The Road Not Taken*. 10

Or

- (b) A poem, says Robert Frost, begins in delight and ends in wisdom. Discuss the statement with reference to Frost's poetry and elucidate it with at least one poem.

4. (a) Emerson's Transcendentalism finds a clear expression in *Nature*. Discuss. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss the evidences of essential unity in the similarities between various natural objects and between the various laws that govern them in Emerson's *Nature*.

(3)

5. (a) Consider Whitman's contribution to
Modern American Poetry. 14

Or

- (b) Assess Robert Frost as a Nature poet.

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 16)

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

- (a) What are the contributions of the people to the onward movement of life in America?

(b) What does the song of the Hermit and Thrush remind the poet in *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd*?

(3)

- (c) Describe the atmosphere in the sickroom, where the patient is waiting for the arrival of death in *I Heard a Fly Buzz—When I Died*.

(4)

(d) How is death personified in the poem, *Because I could not stop for Death*?

- (e) What is significant about the speaker's desire "to get away from earth awhile" in the poem, *Birches* ?

(f) Describe the symbolism found in *The Road Not Taken*.

(7)

(g) Describe the relationship of Nature and Man in Emerson's *Nature*.

(h) What is Motion and Rest in Emerson's *Nature* ?
