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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) Comment on Whitman's use of imagery in *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd*. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss *I Hear America Singing* as a poem of democracy.

2. (a) How does Dickinson visualize death in *Because I could not stop for Death?* 10

Or

- (b) Critically assess Dickinson's *I heard a Fly buzz—when I died*.

3. (a) *The Road Not Taken* reflects on taking decisions in life. Discuss. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss *Birches* as a poem of nature.

4. (a) What according to Emerson are the two polarities that run through nature? Discuss their importance. 10

Or

- (b) Discuss on the views of nature expressed by Emerson.

5. (a) Attempt a comparative study of any two American poets of your choice. 14

Or

- (b) Critically assess Dickinson's fascination with death and immortality with special reference to the two poems you have studied.

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