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# English Language and Literature Paper 13: AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

Annotate four of the following without omitting either Section.

### SECTION - A

- A man yet by these tears a little boy again,
   Throwing myself on the sand,
   Confronting the waves.
- I didn't want any flowers, I only wanted
   To lie with my hands.
- Often you must have seen them loaded with ice
   A sunny winter morning after the rain
- I am overtired
   Of the great harvest I myself desired.
- And I had put awayMy labour and my leisure too.
- 6) Call the roller of cigars,

  The muscular one and bid him whip
  In kitchen cups concupiscent curds.



#### SECTION - B

- 7) But one hundred years later the Negro still is not free.
- 8) You kin bet yo whole roll on one thing white man.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20)$ 

II. Attempt two essays, choosing one from each Section.

#### SECTION - A

- 9) Comment on the use of symbolism in Robert Frost's "After Apple Picking".
- 10) Sylvia Plath as a confessional poet.
- 11) Analyse e.e. Cumming's Buffalo Bill's as a poem of satire.

## SECTION-B

- 12) Death of a Salesman as a challenge to "American dream".
- 13) The Narrative point of view in "The Bluest Eye".
- 14) The quest motif in 'Old man and the sea'.

 $(2 \times 20 = 40)$ 

- III. Write short notes on any four of the following:
  - 15) Transcendentalism.
  - 16) Tree in Robert Frost's poems.
  - 17) Conflict in the 'Emperor of ice cream'.
  - 18) Claudia Macteer.
  - 19) The tragedy of Willy Loman.
  - 20) Mississippi River in Huckleberry Finn.
  - 21) Marlin in Old Man and the Sea.
  - 22) Prologue in 'The Invisible Man'.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20)$