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M. A. 3rd Semester (CBCS Scheme w.e.f. Dec-2022)  
Examination, December-2022

ENGLISH  
Paper-22ENG23C2  
American Literature

Time allowed : 3 hours] [Maximum marks : 80

Note : Students are required to attempt five questions in all selecting one from each unit.

1. Attempt four in all selecting two out of the given four from each part.

#### Unit-I

Part-I : Write short notes in about 150 words :

- Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Mark Twain
- Henry James
- Abraham Lincoln

Part-II :

- The Scarlet Letter*
- The Red Badge of Courage*
- The Hairy Ape*
- Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*

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#### Unit-II

- "Song of Myself" by Walt Whitman is a celebration of the human self and its transcendental ability to become one with the nature while itself remaining detached. Explain with reference to the prescribed sections.
- Emily Dickinson's poems explore the universal themes of death, despair, identity of the self and nature of the universe. Give reference from the prescribed poems.

#### Unit-III

- How is the theme of segregation and assimilation treated in the play *A Raisin in the Sun*? <https://www.mdustudy.com>
- Dignity exerts a unifying force throughout Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*. Elucidate.

#### Unit-IV

- The literary power of the essay "Civil Disobedience" by Thoreau rests on the distinction between one's conscience and the dictates of laws. Expound.
- In "Echoes of the Jazz Age", F. Scott Fitzgerald reminiscences on the 1920s wherein he refers to "a

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whole race going hedonistic, deciding on pleasure."

How do you relate it to the theme ?

**Unit-V**

8. *Of Mice and Men* is a despondent novella about the dangers of "American dream". How far do you agree ?
9. The short stories of William Faulkner display an uncanny blend of the homely and the horrifying. Elaborate.