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IV Semester B.A. Examination, September/October 2022
(CBCS) (F+R) (2012-13 and Onwards)
OPTIONAL ENGLISH – IV
American Literature and Facets of Language

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

- Instructions :** i) Answer *all* the Sections.
ii) Write the question numbers **correctly**.

SECTION – A

I. Annotate **any three** of the following : (3×5=15)

1) I hear god and behold god in every object, yet understand God in the least,

Nor do I understand who there can be more wonderful than myself.

2) I wonder if They bore it long-

Or did it just begin-

I could not tell the Date of Mine-

It feels so old a pain-

3) And, like an insatiable actor, slowly and

With meditation, speak words that in the ear,

In the delicatest ear of the mind, repeat,

Exactly, that which it wants to hear, at the sound

Of which, an invisible audience listens,

Not to the play, but to itself, expressed

In an emotion as of two people, as of two

Emotions becoming one.



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- 4) The Birmingham station's marked COLORED and WHITE.
The white folks go left
The colored go right.
They even got a segregated lane.
Is that the way to get aboard the Freedom Train ?
- 5) I cannot rub the strangeness from my sight
I got from looking through a pane of glass
I skimmed this morning from the drinking trough
And held against the world of hoary grass.

SECTION – B
(Poetry)

- II. A) Answer **any one** of the following : (1×15=15)
- i) The Poem 'And Still I Rise' is an outcry against the prejudice, humiliation and demand for submission experienced by African Americans. Explain.
 - ii) How are the themes of life, death and the fall of man treated by Frost in the poem ?
- B) Write a short note on **any one** of the following : (1×5=5)
- i) Demands of Modern poetry in Wallace Stevens Poem.
 - ii) The use of Similes in Maya Angelou's 'Still I Rise'.
 - iii) Grief in Dickenson's Poem.

SECTION – C
(Drama)

- III. A) Answer **any one** of the following : (1×15=15)
- i) Explain the role of Tom as both narrator and character in the play 'The Glass Menagerie'.
 - ii) Discuss the significance of the symbol glass menagerie as used in the play.



- B) Write a short note on **any two** of the following : (2×5=10)
- i) The Protagonist of the play
 - ii) The Fire Escape
 - iii) Gentlemen Callers
 - iv) Laura's disability.

SECTION – D
(Essays and Short Stories)

- IV. A) Answer **any one** of the following : (1×15=15)
- i) Bring out the dilemma of Sergeant Max in reconciling the roles of a Jew, top sergeant and a human being in Philip Roth's story 'Defender of Faith'.
 - ii) How does Minister's Black veil reflect the dark side of human nature ?
- B) Write a short note on **any one** of the following : (1×5=5)
- i) 'Good Governance' according to Thoreau.
 - ii) Treatment of slaves in Chief Seattle's Speech.
 - iii) Grossbart's weekend pass.

SECTION – E
(Facets of Language)

- V. Read the poetry and prose passages and answer the questions set on them. (2×10=20)
- A) "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high,
where knowledge is free .
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
by narrow domestic walls.
Where words come out from the depth of truth,
where tireless striving stretches its arms toward perfection.
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
into the dreary desert sand of dead habit.
Where the mind is led forward by thee
into ever widening thought and action.



In to that heaven of freedom, my father, LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE!"

- 1) Comment on the theme of the poem. 2
- 2) What is the tone of the poet ? 2
- 3) Identify an example of archaism. 2
- 4) Who is the Father referred to ? 2
- 5) Identify an example of alliteration. 2

OR

"Mother dear, may I go downtown
Instead of out to play,
And march the streets of Birmingham
In a Freedom March today ?"

"No, baby, no, you may not go,
For the dogs are fierce and wild,
And clubs and hoses, guns and jails
Aren't good for a little child."

"But, mother, I won't be alone.
Other children will go with me,
And march the streets of Birmingham
To make our country free."

"No, baby, no, you may not go,
For I fear those guns will fire.
But you may go to church instead
And sing in the children's choir."

She has combed and brushed her night-dark hair,
And bathed rose petal sweet,
And drawn white gloves on her small brown hands,
And white shoes on her feet.



The mother smiled to know her child
Was in the sacred place,
But that smile was the last smile
To come upon her face.

For when she heard the explosion,
Her eyes grew wet and wild.
She raced through the streets of Birmingham
Calling for her child.

She clawed through bits of glass and brick,
Then lifted out a shoe.

“O, here’s the shoe my baby wore,
But, baby, where are you ?”

- 1) Identify the alliteration in the poem. 2
- 2) Write a note on the tone of the poet. 2
- 3) Give an example of similes and metaphor in the poem. 2
- 4) Comment on the last line of the poem. 2
- 5) Write a note on the theme of the poem. 2

B) Artificial Intelligence is the intelligence possessed by the machines under which they can perform various functions with human help. With the help of A.I. machines will be able to learn, solve problems, plan things, think, etc. Artificial Intelligence, for example, is the simulation of human intelligence by machines. In the field of technology, Artificial Intelligence is evolving rapidly day by day and it is believed that in the near future, artificial intelligence is going to change human life very drastically and will most probably end all the crises of the world by sorting out the major problems. Our life in this modern age depends largely on computers. It is almost impossible to think about life without computers. We need computers in everything that we use in our daily lives. So it becomes very important to make computers



intelligent so that our lives become easy. Artificial Intelligence is the theory and development of computers, which imitates the human intelligence and senses, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making, and translation between languages. Artificial Intelligence has brought a revolution in the world of technology.

In the field of education, A.I. has the potential to be very effective. It can bring innovative ways of teaching students with the help of which students will be able to learn the concepts better. Artificial Intelligence is the future of innovative technology as we can use it in many fields. For example, it can be used in the Military sector, Industrial sector, Automobiles, etc. In the coming years, we will be able to see more applications of A.I. as this technology is evolving day by day.

- 1) What is the passage about ? 2
- 2) What is the central idea conveyed in the passage ? 2
- 3) Comment on the cohesive devices used in the passage. 2
- 4) What kind of sentence structures are used in the passage ? 2
- 5) Is the relationship between the addressor and addressee formal or informal ? Give reasons. 2

OR

Travelling is one of the most delightful experiences of mankind. People have always enjoyed going from place to place, seeing men and things. They have gone abroad for several reasons. One of the most popular of travelling was the pilgrimage to holy places. This was so in the past though it is not together rare in modern times. Secondly, trade and commerce took people to different parts of the country and even to foreign lands. Apart from these people went out for merely sight-seeing. Men love change. They grow weary of their routine and wish to break the dullness of their daily life.

Familiar faces and places began to lose their charm by long, continuous contact. Therefore people leave their homes for a time, go abroad and spend a few happy days far from their homes. They come back with a greater love for home after separation. It is only when we abandon a thing for some time that we begin to learn its importance.



Travelling was a very risky job in the past. There were no good roads, no facilities of transportation. Horses and camels, cars and carriages were the usual means of transport on land. Boats were the only means for voyaging. Religion and trade were the usual motives for going abroad. They were necessities rather than luxuries. Faith in God was intimate and pilgrims undertook long journeys in groups to visit sacred places or shrines. Merchants went in groups and caravans and faced several dangers. Robbers infested the jungles through which travelling had to be made. Wild beasts made travelling almost like a hunting expedition. Thus travelling in the past was an arduous affair full of risk and adventure.

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 - 5) Comment on the last sentence of the passage. 2
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