



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.A. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2019

**ENGACOR05T-ENGLISH (CC5)**

**PAPER TITLE: AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

**SECTION-I**

1. Answer any **one** of the following in about 500 words:  $15 \times 1 = 15$

(a) How does Anne Bradstreet criticize the male society in her poem 'Prologue'?

**OR**

(b) Evaluate Langston Hughes's poem 'The Negro Speaks of Rivers' as an assertion of the African-American identity.

2. Locate and annotate any **one** of the following in about 200 words:  $5 \times 1 = 5$

(a) 'I've known rivers:

Ancient dusky rivers.'

(b) Damn, says Crow, redemption  
is not easy.

**SECTION-II**

3. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 500 words:  $15 \times 1 = 15$

(a) Discuss the narrative techniques in Morrison's novel 'Beloved'.

**OR**

(b) Comment on Toni Morrison's projection of the destructive impact of slavery on the human mind in her novel 'Beloved'.

4. Answer any **three** short questions from the following in about 200 words:  $5 \times 3 = 15$

(a) Describe in brief the stranger's dream in Hawthorne's 'The Ambitious Guest'.

(b) Mention briefly the significant differences between the Old South and the New South in Faulkner's short story "Dry September".

(c) How is Dupin's character presented by Poe in 'The Purloined Letter'?

(d) Write a brief note on the title 'The Crack-up'.

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