

**GANDHI INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY, ODISHA, GUNUPUR
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M. A.. (Third Semester) Regular Examinations, December – 2024
**20ECC303 – SPECIAL PAPER : AMERICAN LITERATURE I -
Poetry and Philosophy
(English)**

Time: 3 hrs

Maximum: 70 Marks

(The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.)

PART – A**(2 x 10 = 20 Marks)**Q.1. Answer **ALL** questions

| | CO # | Blooms Level |
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| a. Who is referred to as "The American Scholar" in Emerson's essay? | CO2 | K1 |
| b. What is the central idea of Emerson's essay "Self-Reliance"? | CO2 | K2 |
| c. What does the wall symbolize in the poem "The Mending Wall"? | CO2 | K2 |
| d. What does the road symbolize in Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken"? | CO2 | K2 |
| e. What is the main theme of Whitman's "Song of Myself"? | CO2 | K2 |
| f. What does the "silken tent" metaphorically represent in "The Silken Tent"? | CO2 | K2 |
| g. What season is described in Frost's poem "After Apple-Picking"? | CO1 | K1 |
| h. What lesson does Thoreau convey about self-sufficiency in <i>Walden</i> ? | CO2 | K3 |
| i. What message does Frost convey in "Birches"? | CO3 | K3 |
| j. What does the phrase "Good fences make good neighbours" mean in Frost's "Mending Wall"? | CO3 | K3 |

PART – B**(10 x 5 = 50 Marks)**Answer **ANY FIVE** questions

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| 2. a. Discuss Emerson's idea of the American Scholar. | 5 | CO2 | K4 |
| b. Explain the concept of self-reliance in Emerson's essay. | 5 | CO2 | K3 |
| 3.a. How does Frost explore the theme of barriers & boundaries in "Mending Wall"? | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| b. Explain the symbolism of the two roads in <i>The Road Not Taken</i> . | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| 4. a. Reflect on the literal and symbolic meaning of "miles to go before I sleep"? | 5 | CO3 | K5 |
| b. How does Robert Frost contrast reality and imagination in <i>Birches</i> ? | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| 5.a. Discuss the theme of isolation and loneliness in Frost's "West-Running Brook" | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| b. How does Frost use the imagery of a crumbling wall to explore human relationships in "Mending Wall"? | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| 6. a. Analyze the symbolism of the tent in <i>The Silken Tent</i> . | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| b. Critically summarize <i>The Gift Outright</i> by Robert Frost. | 5 | CO4 | K5 |
| 7.a. How does Whitman express the idea of individuality and universality in "Song of Myself"? | 5 | CO3 | K5 |
| b. Discuss the major themes in <i>Song of Myself</i> . | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| 8. a. How does Thoreau describe nature in <i>Walden</i> ? | 5 | CO3 | K4 |
| b. How does Thoreau critique society and materialism in <i>Walden</i> ? | 5 | CO3 | K5 |