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## GIET UNIVERSITY, GUNUPUR – 765022

M. A.(Third Semester) Examinations, December' 2020

### ENG-CE 303 : AMERICAN LITERATURE I: POETRY AND PHILOSOPHY (ENGLISH)

Time: 2 hrs

Maximum: 50 Marks

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

- Q.1. Answer **ALL** the questions (2 x 10 = 20)
- a. What should a man learn to detect and watch according to Emerson?
  - b. To whom or what is "The Silken Tent" addressed?
  - c. What makes the speaker halt at the woods in *Stopping By Woods On a Snowy Evening*?
  - d. "I too am not a bit tamed, I too am untranslatable, I sound my barbaric yawp over the roofs of the world." What do these lines mean?
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- e. What is the tone of the poem *The Gift Outright*?
  - f. How does Whitman describe death in "Song of Myself"?
  - g. Why does Thoreau describe it as a "misfortune" when his neighbours inherited "farms, houses, barns, cattle and farming tools" in *Economy*?
  - h. Where is Walden Pond located?
  - i. What according to Emerson is genius? Explain.
  - j. How does one live simply, according to Thoreau?

### PART – B (6 x 5 = 30 Marks)

Answer ANY FIVE questions

Marks

2. Present the prominent theme of Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay *The American Scholar*. (6)
3. Explain the identical themes that you have found in all the Emerson's prescribed essays. (6)
4. Justify the title of the poem 'Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening'. (6)
5. Describe the setting of the poem *Stopping By Woods On a Snowy Evening*. (6)
6. What are the abstract and philosophical elements of the poem *Birches*? (6)
7. Enlist some of the literary devices used in Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself" (6)
8. How does Walden reflect key aspects of transcendentalism? Describe. (6)
9. Put forth any four quotations from Walden and explain them. (6)

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