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B. A. (HONOURS) ENGLISH (BAEGH)

Term-End Examination

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BEGC-105 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Answer all questions.*

Section—A

1. Explain the meaning of the following stanzas with reference to the context (any *four*) : 4×5=20

(i) The crow God as depicted

in all the reliable crow bibles

Looks exactly like a crow.

(ii) A thought went up my mind today

That I have had before

But did not finish some way back

I could not fix the year.

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- (iii) Since then—'t is centuries and yet
 Feel shorter than a day
 I first surmised the horses' heads
 were towards eternity—
- (iv) Singing my days
 Singing the great achievements of the present
 Singing the strong light works of
 engineers,
 our modern wonders,
- (v) The strong gods pine for my abode,
 and pine in vain the scared seven;
 But thou, meek lover of the good !
 Find me, and turn thy back on heaven.

Section—B

2. Answer the following questions in about **300** words each (any *four*) : 10×4=40
- (i) Discuss the major aspects of Henrik Ibsen's Influence on American Drama.
- (ii) Discuss major themes as explored in Hemingway's short stories.
- (iii) Discuss the relevance of "Custom House" section in *The Scarlet Letter*.
- (iv) Critically evaluate the poem : Because "I could not stop for death."

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- (v) Write an extended note on the poetic devices used in “O Captain ! My Captain !”.

Section—C

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **500** words each : 2×20=40
- (i) Discuss *All My Sons* as a tragedy.
 - (ii) Explain the features of characterization in *The Scarlet Letter*.
 - (iii) Discuss the poetic achievements of Walt Whitman with suitable examples from the poems prescribed in the course.