

**B. A. (HONOURS) ENGLISH
PROGRAMME (BAEGH)
Term-End Examination
June, 2023
BEGC-105 : AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt questions from all three Sections.*

Each Section has internal choices.

Section—A

1. Explain the meaning of the following stanzas with reference to the context (any *four*) : 4×5=20
 - (a) If the red slayer thinks he slays
Or if the slain thinks he is slain
They know not well the subtle ways
I keep, and pass, and turn again
 - (b) In the old world, the east, the Suez Canal
The New by its mighty railroad spanne'd
The seas inlaid with eloquent gentle wires;
Yet first to sound, and ever sound, the cry
with thee
O soul

- (c) But O heart ! heart ! heart !
O the bleeding drops of red,
Where on the deck my captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead
- (d) Because I could not stop for Death—
He kindly stopped for me—
The carriage held just ourselves
And Immortality
- (e) A thought went up my mind today
That I have had before,
But did not finish,—some ways back,
I could not fix the year.

Section—B

2. Answer the following questions in about **300** words each (any *four*) : $10 \times 4 = 40$
- (a) Discuss one of the major themes of *All My Sons*.
- (b) Write a note on the visual imagery in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*.

- (c) Examine the theme of 'Snows of Kilimanjaro' and the techniques Hemingway employs to project this theme.
- (d) Write an extended note on the poetic devices used in 'Passage to India'.
- (e) How do you account for the characteristic vagueness of the poem 'A thought went up my mind today' ?

Section—C

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about **500** words each : 2×20=40
- (a) Do you think that the title of the play *All My Sons* is justified ? Give a reasoned answer.
 - (b) How does Hawthorne present the organic-mechanical contrast in the novel *The Scarlet Letter* ?
 - (c) Write a detailed note on 'Realism' in American Drama.