

SECOND SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2023
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
FENG2C07- AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

Part A: Annotation questions. Answer any two questions. Each carries 2 weightage.

1. There are three stones of slate and one of marble,
Broad-shouldered little slabs there in the sunlight
On the sidehill. We haven't to mind *those*.
But I understand: it is not the stones,
But the child's mound—'
2. And obscure as that heaven of the Jews
Thy guerdon ... Accolade thou dost bestow
Of anonymity time cannot raise:
Vibrant reprieve and pardon thou dost show.
3. My hand draws back. I often sigh still
for the dark downward and vegetating kingdom
of the fish and reptile. One morning last March,
I pressed against the new barbed and galvanized
4. Each dead child coiled, a white serpent,
One at each little
Pitcher of milk, now empty.

(2 × 2 = 4 weightage)

Part B: Short essay questions. Answer any two questions. Each carries 3 weightage.

5. The poem "The Raven" depicts man's confrontation with nature. Explain.
6. What is the significance of Father Mapple's sermon in the novel *Moby Dick*?
7. *Huckleberry Finn* explores the concepts of freedom and slavery. Elucidate.
8. How does Wallace Stevens juxtapose life and death in "The Emperor of Ice Cream"?

(2 × 3 = 6 weightage)

Part C: Long essay. Answer any four questions. Each carries 5 weightage.

9. The play *Emperor Jones* is a political commentary on American imperialism in Haiti exposing its racial prejudices and hypocrisy. Discuss.

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10. Gloria Anzaldua's poem, "To Live in the Borderlands Means You", explores how culture, ethnicity, political narratives, and geography reshape the identity of people living in the borderlands. Illustrate.
11. Explain how Faulkner represents the concepts of time and memory in *The Sound and the Fury*.
12. Amiri Baraka's *The Dutchman* is a tribute to Black Nationalism. Discuss.
13. Elucidate the philosophical positioning of Emerson in his "Self-reliance".
14. How does the poet represent death and distress in "Home Burial"?

(4 × 5 = 20 weightage)