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ENGLISH — HONOURS

Paper : CC-5

(American Literature)

Full Marks : 65

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer the following questions : 1×5
 - (a) Which Greek goddess is Helen compared to by the poet?
 - (b) Why does Whitman feel that the voyage of the ship is “closed and done”?
 - (c) How many days does Santiago battle the marlin?
 - (d) Name the detective in Poe’s story ‘The Purloined Letter’.
 - (e) How does Willy Loman die?
2. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
 - (a) Comment on the appropriateness of the title of Sylvia Plath’s ‘Daddy’.
 - (b) Examine the use of symbols in Poe’s ‘To Helen’.
 - (c) Show how Langston Hughes’ poem ‘Harlem’ becomes a quintessential expression of the struggle of African-American people.
3. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
 - (a) Bring out the significance of the role of Manolin in Hemingway’s *The Old Man and the Sea*.
 - (b) “A man can be destroyed but not defeated.”
How does Hemingway’s *The Old Man and the Sea* illustrate the above theme?
4. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
 - (a) How successful do you think Poe is in creating the character of an iconic detective in ‘The Purloined Letter’? Support your answer with references to the text.
 - (b) Critically examine Faulkner’s narrative technique as revealed in his story ‘Dry September’.
5. Answer **any one** question (within 600 words) : 15×1
 - (a) Comment on Miller’s use of memory as a motif in *Death of a Salesman*.
 - (b) Analyse the dramatic purpose served by Linda Loman in Miller’s *Death of a Salesman*.

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