

2024

ENGLISH

Paper : DSE-II

(Nineteenth Century American Literature)

Full Marks : 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

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

Long and short questions are not to be attempted from the same text/subunit.

Unit - I

1. Answer **any one** of the following : 15×1
- (a) Emily Dickinson's withdrawal and seclusion from society is best examined in her poem 'The Soul Selects Her Own Society'. Discuss.
- (b) Do you agree with the view that Frederick Douglass's status as a free man is brought about both by violence and an inner evolution of consciousness? Justify your answer.
2. Answer **any one** of the following : 5×1
- (a) Explain the significance of the following lines :
- "Of Visitors – the fairest –  
For Occupation – This –  
The spreading wide my narrow Hands  
To gather Paradise –"
- (b) Explain with reference to the context  
Douglass's statement : 'Slaves sing most when they are most unhappy.'

Unit - II

3. Answer **any one** of the following : 15×1
- (a) Describe how a sense of death informs every stage of the narrative of *Moby Dick*.
- (b) Discuss Harriet Beecher Stowe's treatment of slavery in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

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4. Answer **any one** of the following :

5×1

- (a) Briefly comment on the Town-Ho episode in *Moby Dick*.
- (b) Write a short note on Simon Legree in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.