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THIRD SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024

(CBCSS)

English

ENG 3E 09—AMERICAN ETHNIC WRITING

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

- I. Write short notes on any five of the following in about 200 words each:
 - 1 How does the personal and the political interface in the poem "In Response to Executive Order 9066"?
 - 2 What is the theme of the "Morning Song" by Sylvia Plath?
 - 3 "The Bridge Poem" by Domna Rushin is about the possibilities and impossibilities of negotiating differences. Discuss.
 - 4 Critically evaluate Mary TallMoutain as a poet with special reference to the poems prescribed for study.
 - 5 The dramatis protagonist in the play The Electronic Nigger by Ed Bullins.
 - 6 Personal, racial and political experiences intermingle in the Ralph Ellison's novel Invisible Man. Discuss.
 - 7 Racism in America as depicted in American Ethnic Writing.

 $(5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ weightage})$

- II. Write essays on any four of the following in 450 words each:
 - 8 What is confessional poetry? Explain with instances taken from any of the poems prescribed.
 - 9 How does Amiri Baraka's poem "Black Art" infues the political and the aesthetic?
 - 10 The conflicting worlds of different ethnic cultures are presented in the poem "Without Title" by Diane Glancy. Explain.
 - 11 The metaphoric elements in the play The Melting Plot by Israel Zangwill.
 - 12 Discuss the play "The Slave" by Isaac Singer as a fictionalised history
 - 13 Portrayal of women experiences in American ethnic writing.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20 \text{ weightage})$