

KANYASHREE UNIVERSITY

M.A. 1st Semester Examination-2024

Subject: English

Course- CC 6

American Literature

Full Marks-40

Time-2.00 Hours

GROUP - A

(Answer **any four** of the following)

(5×4=20)

1. Comment on the character of Pearl in *The Scarlet Letter*.
2. How does Dickinson allude to death in her poem "Because I could not stop for Death"?
3. Why does Walt Whitman pay his homage to "engineers, you architects, machinists"? Explain.
4. Elucidate the nature of the formal feeling expressed in the poem "After great pain, a formal feeling comes".
5. "My soul has grown deep like rivers." Explain.
6. Write a short note on the structure and style of section I of Whitman's poem "Song of myself".
7. Briefly comment on the role of Seth in *Mourning Becomes Electra*.

GROUP – B

(Answer **any two** of the following)

(10× 2=20)

1. Critically evaluate the portrayal of Orin in *Mourning Becomes Electra*.
2. Discuss the significance of the title of Whitman's "Passage to India".
3. Do you see Arthur Dimmesdale's character as a hypocritical male figure or a victim of the patriarchal puritan society? Give reasons for your answer.
4. "I first surmised the Horses' Heads
Were towards eternity"
Describe Emily Dickinson's journey towards Eternity. What does this indicate about her attitude to life?
(5+5)
