

**B. A DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2018****(2015 Admission Regular)****SEMESTER VI - CORE ( ENGLISH LITERATURE )****EN6B04B - AMERICAN LITERATURE****Time : 3 Hours****Maximum Marks : 80****Part A****I. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 marks****(6x1=6)**

1. How did the White Americans purify the overt terms used in Black English?
2. Why, according to Emerson, do we value Moses, Plato, and Milton?
3. Who is the speaker of the poem "The Road Not Taken"?
4. Why is the young waiter in a hurry?
5. What does Goodman Parker report to Margaret?
6. Who are the characters in "The Wide Net"?

**Part B****II. Answer any Seven questions. Each question carries 2 marks****(7x2=14)**

7. What according to Emerson are the two enemies of the independent thinker?
8. How does language define the other?
9. Why is the he-bird wailing on the shores of Paumanok?
10. Why does the speaker say that his soul has grown deep like the rivers?
11. Discuss the theme of home and family with reference to the two mocking-birds.
12. What does the burning of the map of the Earth symbolise?
13. What made the family pick the sixth city for their future residence?
14. Comment on Silko's relationship with nature.
15. What is the setting of Before Breakfast?
16. How does the mood of "The Wide Net" shift as the play progresses?

**Part C****III. Answer any Five questions. Each question carries 6 marks****(5x6=30)**

17. How does Thoreau illustrate the plight of the winner black ant?
18. In Emerson's view, why is conformity not a desirable characteristic?
19. Discuss the theme of love with reference to Whitman's poem.
20. What senses are being evoked by the imagery? Can you account for the fact that one important sense is absent from the poem?
21. Compare and contrast the characters Mary and Margaret.
22. Comment on the ironical instances in the short story "The Wives of the Dead".
23. How is the play The Case of the Crushed Petunias different from the other plays of Tennessee Williams?
24. Discuss the theme of sophistication and simplicity with reference to the play The Case of the Crushed Petunias.

**Part D****IV. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 15 marks****(2x15=30)**

25. What are the historical, social, political and cultural circumstances that played a major role in the evolution of American literature?
26. Reality and Transcendence in Levertov's "The Tide".
27. Discuss Million Year Picnic: October 2026 as a science fiction story.
28. Discuss the female-dominated environment in the plays of Tennessee Williams.