

B. A. (HONOURS) ENGLISH
(BAEGH)

Term-End Examination

June, 2025

BEGC-105 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *This paper has three Sections : A, B and C. All Sections are compulsory, though there is internal choice within the Sections.*

Section—A

1. Explain the meaning of any *four* of the following stanzas with reference to the context :

4×5=20

- (i) Now, when I read, I read not,
For interrupting tears

Obliterate the etchings

Too costly for repairs.

(ii) Wished to stay, and is gone,

How am I theirs

If they cannot hold me

But I hold them ?

(iii) My Captain does not answer, his lips

are pale and still,

My father does not feel my arm, he has

no pulse nor will,

The ship is anchro'd safe and sound,

its voyage used, and done,

From fearful trip the victor ship comes

in with

objects won;

(iv) Buffalo Bill opens a pawn shop on the
reservation
right across the border from the liquor
store
and he stays open 24 hours a day,
7 days a week.

(v) We slowly drove—he knew no haste
And I had put away
My labour and my leisure too,
For his civility.

Section—B

2. Answer any *four* of the following questions
in about **300** words each : $10 \times 4 = 40$

- (i) Discuss Realism in American drama.
- (ii) Write a short note on Hester in *The Scarlet Letter*.
- (iii) Discuss the major themes in “On the Gull’s Road”.
- (iv) Critically evaluate the poem ‘Brahma’.

- (v) Write a note on the combination of fact and fiction in “Snows of Kilimanjaro”.

Section—C

3. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **500** words each : 2×20=40

- (i) Explain the theme of social responsibility in *All My Sons*.
- (ii) Discuss Puritanism in *The Scarlet Letter*.
- (iii) Discuss the major themes in the poem *Passage to India*.

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