

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**Marks: 60**

All questions are compulsory.  
Figures to the right indicate full marks.

1. a) Assess the contribution of the Lost Generation writers to the progress of twentieth century American fiction. 15  
Or  
b) Write an essay on the impact of the Harlem Renaissance on African American literature.
- 2 a) "A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom." How far is this statement true in the context of the prescribed poems of Robert Frost. 15  
Or  
b) Comment on the imagery and symbolism used in the prescribed poems of Wallace Stevens.  
Or  
c) Discuss the thematic concerns in the prescribed poems of Nikki Giovanni.
- 3 a) *Catch 22* depicts a conflict between individual and bureaucracy. Substantiate the statement. 15  
Or  
b) Explain how Miranda as a strong matriarch helps Cocoa to overcome her personal demons in *Mama Day*.
- 4 a) Explain how O'Neill employs expressionistic techniques in *The Hairy Ape*. 15  
Or  
b) What prompts Jessie to commit suicide? Explain how absence of love and hope, amongst other reasons, compel her to take this drastic step.

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