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FOYBABED SEMESTER END EXAMINATION

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English Paper VI: Modern American Literature

Semester: VII

Duration: 2 Hours

Max Marks: 70

Instructions:

- All questions are compulsory having internal choice.
- Figures to the right indicate maximum marks allotted.

Q1. Write short notes on any **three** of the following: (3×5=15marks)

- a. The character of Myrtle Wilson in *The Great Gatsby*.
- b. The valley of ashes as an important symbol in *The Great Gatsby*.
- c. The symbolic significance of Bathing in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
- d. The relevance of the title in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
- e. The character of Harold "Mitch" Mitchell in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Q 2. Write short notes on any **three** of the following: (3×5=15 marks)

- a. The unconventional form of Cummings' "My Sweet Old Etcetera".
- b. Metaphoric element in the poem "Fog".
- c. The message of the poem "Speech to a Crowd".
- d. The central theme of Dunn's "The Death of God".
- e. The interpretation of Frost's "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening".

Q3A. "The setting of the novel *The Great Gatsby* is created to depict the class divisions of the 1920s American society". Examine the setting of the novel *The Great Gatsby* in the light of the above statement. (10 marks)

OR

Q3B. Critically evaluate the various themes of *The Great Gatsby*.

Q4A. "I don't want realism, I want magic!" Examine the character of Blanche Du Bois in *A Streetcar Named Desire* with reference to the above statement. (10 marks)

OR

Q4B. Discuss the main themes of Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Q5A. "When one reads Sandburg, one experiences the dust of America". Critically evaluate the poems of Carl Sandburg in the light of the above statement. (10 marks)

OR

Q5B. Examine the imagist elements of Ezra Pound's poems with the help of the poems prescribed for study.

Q6A. Examine the Literature of the Great Depression as reflecting the dominant mood of the period. (10 marks)

OR

Q6B. "Imagism sought to replace abstractions with a clear and concrete image". Examine the concept of Imagism in the context of the above statement with the help of suitable examples.
