

IV Semester B.A. Examination, May/June 2008
(New Semester Scheme)
OPTIONAL ENGLISH (Paper – IV)
American Literature And Aspects of Language

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 90

Instruction: Answer all questions.

1. Annotate **three** of the following :

(3×5=15)

- a) Because I could not stop for Death
He kindly stopped for me -
The carriage held but just ourselves-
And immortality.
- b) Where did your Christ come from ?
From God and a woman !
Man had nothing to do with him !
- c) I lie down in the shadow,
No longer the light of my dream before me,
Above me.
Only the thick wall
Only the shadow.
- d) And life is too much like a pathless wood
Where your face burns and tickles with the cobwebs
Broken across it, and one eye is weeping
From a twig's having lashed across open,
- e) i thank you god for most this amazing
day ; for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky ;

P.T.O.

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. And some of you have come from areas where your quest—quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed : "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal".

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

- a) Identify the mode of the passage. Give suitable examples. 3
- b) Comment on the relationship between the addresser and the addressee with examples. 3
- c) Identify the domain and the macro and micro functions of the passage. 3
- d) Illustrate with examples the following functions realised in the passage. 3
 - Expressive
 - Poetic
 - Conative
- e) Comment on the sentence structures of the passage. 3