

DOON UNIVERSITY, DEHRADUN

Mid Semester Examination -2017

Department of English, School of Languages

M.A. English, IV Semester

Course: SLE 516: American and Afro-American Literature

Time Allowed: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 30

Answer the following questions in not more than 30 words each: [6]

1. What are the two prominent structures in Long Island?
2. What was the original title of the poem *Songs of Myself*?
3. Who is Tom Buchanan's girl?
4. Name the persons from whom Daisy's and Gatsby's characters are drawn.

Answer the following questions in about 150-250 words each: [12]

1. Discuss the concept of class in *The Great Gatsby*.
2. What are the actual events incorporated by Fitzgerald in his work *The Great Gatsby*.
3. Give reference to context for *any one* of the following:
 - i. It may be you transpire from the breasts of young men,
It may be if I had known them I would have loved them,
It may be you are from old people,
or from offspring taken soon out of their mother's laps,
And here you are the mother's laps.
 - ii. Twenty eight young men bathe by the shore;
Twenty-eight young men and all so friendly;
Twenty-eight years of womanly life and all so lonesome.

Answer any two of the following in about 750 words each: [12]

1. Discuss the main themes of the poem *Songs of Myself*.
2. Discuss Nick Caraway as a narrator.
3. Compare and contrast Nick Caraway, Tom Buchanan and Jay Gatsby.
4. Discuss American Literature in the light of 'The Great American Novel'.