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DOON UNIVERSITY, DEHRADUN

Mid-Semester Examination, 2018

Department of English, School of Languages

M.A. English, Fourth Semester

Course: SLE 516(A): American/African American Literature

Time: 2 hrs

Maximum Marks: 30

Q. 1. Answer *all* five of the following questions in about 25 words each: (06)

- i. Where do the following lines occur:
 - a. "For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you"
 - b. "124 was spiteful. Full of a baby's venom."
- ii. What is Paul D's relation to the "tobacco tin"?
- iii. Who is the speaker of "Song of Myself"?
- iv. Name any two novels by Toni Morrison?
- v. Is *The Great Gatsby* a portrait of the Jazz Age?

Q. 2. Write short notes (in 250 words each) on *all four* of the following: (12)

- i. Discuss grass as a symbol in Whitman's "Song of Myself"?
- ii. Discuss the character of Baby Suggs in *Beloved*.
- iii. Discuss the relationship between Nick and Daisy in *The Great Gatsby*.
- iv. Discuss Nick Carraway as narrator in *The Great Gatsby*.

Q. 3. Answer *any two* of the following questions in about 750 words each: (12)

- i. "Song of Myself" is the dramatic representation of a mystical experience. Explain
- ii. Discuss *The Great Gatsby* and the American dream.
- iii. In Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, discuss Sethe's relationship with Beloved.
- iv. In Whitman's "Song of Myself", the poet explores his cosmic consciousness. Comment.