

International Islamic University Chittagong
Department of English Language & Literature.

Final Examination Spring : 2019

Course code :ENG- 3623

Course title : American Novels

Total Marks :50

Time : 2:30 hours

[Answer question no. 1 and three others at least taking one question from each text. Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.]

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1. Locate and explain the following. (any four) 5x4=20
- (a) "Daisy was not a Catholic, and I was a little shocked at the elaborateness of the lie".
 - (b) "He borrowed somebody's best suit to get married in and never even told me about it, and the man came after it one day when he was out".
 - (c) God knew what you've been doing, everything you've been doing. You may fool me, but you can't fool God.
 - (d) "How can we adjudge to summary and shameful death a fellow creature innocent before God, and whom we feel to be so?"
 - (e) The will to it and the sinister dexterity were alike wanting. To deal in double meanings and insinuations of any sort was quite foreign to his nature.
 - (f) Personal prudence, even when dictated by quite other than selfish considerations, surely is no special virtue in a military man; while an excessive love of glory, impassioning a less burning impulse, the honest sense of duty, is the first.
2. Evaluate the character of the narrator Nick in *The Great Gatsby*. 10
3. Discuss the female characters of the twenty century as portrayed by Fitzgerald in *The Great Gatsby*. 10
4. Justify the significance of the last scene in *The Great Gatsby*. 10
5. Critically analyze the theme of the novella *Billy Budd*. 10
6. Evaluate the character of the hero of *Billy Budd* as artistically portrayed by Melville. 10
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