

2019

(May)

ENGLISH

(Major)

Course : 602

(Literature of the USA)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer any *one* of the following : 14
- (a) Enumerate the Puritan influence on early American literature.
 - (b) Discuss the development of native writing during the American Renaissance (1830–65).
 - (c) What do you understand by the term 'transcendentalism' in American literature? Consider Emerson as a transcendentalist.

2. Discuss *Huckleberry Finn* as a picaresque novel. 14

Or

Trace Huck's changing relationship with Jim throughout the course of the novel, *Huckleberry Finn*.

3. Write a note on the element of satire in *Huckleberry Finn*. 5

Or

Write a short account of the ending of *Huckleberry Finn*.

4. Discuss the mythic elements in the play, *Desire Under the Elms*. 14

Or

Discuss the theme of 'primal desire' in *Desire Under the Elms*.

5. Examine the theme of 'isolation' in *Desire Under the Elms*. 5

Or

Write briefly on the character of Abbie Putnam as portrayed in *Desire Under the Elms*.

6. Answer any one of the following : 14

(a) Examine the first four sections of Whitman's *Song of Myself* as an exordium for a spiritual journey.

(b) Discuss the pastoral elements in Robert Frost's poem, *After Apple-Picking*.

(c) Present a critical appreciation of the poem, *Epilogue* by Pound.

7. Explain, with reference to the context, any one of the following : 6

(a) We slowly drove—He knew no haste
And I had put away
My labor and my leisure too,
For His Civility—

(b) For all
That struck the earth,
No matter if not bruised or spiked with
stubble,
Went surely to the cider-apple heap
As of no worth.

(c) No man hath dared to write this thing as yet,
And yet I know, how that the souls of
all men great
At times pass athrough us,
And we are melted into them, and are not
Save reflexions of their souls.

8. Answer any *eight* of the following : 1×8=8

- (a) Give the original name of Mark Twain.
- (b) In which year was *Desire Under the Elms* published?
- (c) Name one poet belonging to the Romantic period in America.
- (d) Which American poet is called the 'father of free verse'?
- (e) In which year was Emily Dickinson born?
- (f) How many Pulitzer Prizes did Robert Frost win?
- (g) When was Eugene O'Neill born?
- (h) Who introduced Ezra Pound to Chinese poetry?
- (i) Write the full name of Langston Hughes.
