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( 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) What do you understand by the term 'New England Renaissance'? Discuss Emerson's contribution to the American Renaissance.
- (b) Enumerate the Puritan influence on early American literature.
- (c) Describe the features of Romanticism as manifested in American literature of the Nineteenth Century.

2. Consider *Huckleberry Finn* as a critique of racism and slavery in America. 14

Or

Evaluate *Huckleberry Finn* as a novel in building Roman tradition.

3. Comment briefly on the theme of paternity in *Huckleberry Finn*. 5

Or

Give a brief character sketch of Jim in *Huckleberry Finn*.

4. Discuss the symbolism of the Elm trees in *Desire Under the Elms*. 14

Or

Attempt a critical analysis of the character of Eben Cabot in the play, *Desire Under the Elms*.

5. Write briefly about the significance of the title, *Desire Under the Elms*. 5

Or

Write a note on the colloquial language used in the play, *Desire Under the Elms*.

6. Answer any one of the following : 14

- (a) Discuss the concept of self in Walt Whitman's poem, *Song of Myself* (Section 1-4).
- (b) Evaluate Robert Frost as a poet of nature with reference to the poem, *After Apple Picking*.
- (c) Discuss the significance of the river imagery in the poem, *The Negro Speaks of Rivers* by Langston Hughes.

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

- (a) My tongue, every atom of my blood, form'd  
from this soil, this air,  
Born here of parents born here from parents  
the same, and their parents the same,  
I, now thirty-seven years old in perfect  
health begin,  
Hoping to cease not till death.
- (b) It was you that broke the new wood,  
Now is a time for carving.  
We have one sap and one root—  
Let there be commerce between us.
- (c) I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns  
were young,  
I built my hut near the Congo and it  
lulled me to sleep,  
I looked upon the Nile and raised the  
pyramids above it.

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

- (a) In which year was *Huckleberry Finn* published?
- (b) Name a poet of the American Renaissance.
- (c) Name the first play of Eugene O'Neill.
- (d) When was Walt Whitman born?
- (e) How many sections are there in Walt Whitman's poem, *Song of Myself*?
- (f) In which year was Dickinson's poem, *I'm Nobody* published?
- (g) In all, how many poems did Robert Frost write?
- (h) What is the title of Ezra Pound's first book of poems?
- (i) Name one Chinese poet whose works Pound read.
- (j) Who is the first African-American to earn a living as a writer and regarded as a shining star of the Harlem Renaissance?

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