

6 SEM TDC ENG M 2

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ENGLISH

(Major)

Course : 602

(American Literature)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

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

1. (a) Discuss the Puritan influence on early American literature. 14

Or

- (b) Discuss the development of the native element during the American Renaissance (1830-65).

Or

- (c) Describe the features of Romanticism as manifested in American literature of the Nineteenth Century.

2. Discuss *Huckleberry Finn* as a novel in the bildungsroman tradition. 14

Or

Discuss *Huckleberry Finn* as a picaresque novel.

3. Give a short account of the ending of *Huckleberry Finn*. 5

Or

Give a very short character sketch of Jim in *Huckleberry Finn*.

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

Or

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

5. Briefly write about the significance of the title, *Desire Under the Elms*. 5

Or

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

6. (a) Discuss the concept of 'self' in Walt Whitman's poem, *Songs of Myself* (Section 1-4). 14

Or

- (b) Describe the Pastoral element in the poem, *After Apple-Picking* by Robert Frost.

Or

- (c) Present a critical appreciation of the poem, *Epilogue* by Ezra 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) Behold, I am come with patterns,
Behold, I return with devices,
Cunning the craft, cunning with work,
the fashion.

(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
Pyramid above it.

8. Answer any *eight* of the following : $1 \times 8 = 8$

(a) In which year was *Huckleberry Finn* published?

(b) What was the original name of Mark Twain?

(c) When was Walt Whitman born?

(d) In which year was Emily Dickinson born?

(e) How many sections are there in Walt Whitman's poem, *Songs of Myself*?

(f) When was Eugene O'Neill born?

(g) Name one Chinese poet whose work Pound read.

(h) What is the title of Ezra Pound's first book of poems?

(i) Write the full name of Langston Hughes.
