

M.A. - I (English) (NEP Pattern) Semester-I
NEP-124-5 / S1MAEN107 - American Literature-I

P. Pages : 1

Time : Three Hours



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Max. Marks : 80

1. a) Write short answers on **any two** of the following. **8**
- i) What does Emerson mean when he encourages readers to “Trust thyself”?
 - ii) What does Thoreau mean when he says, “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately”?
 - iii) How does Whitman describe the relationship between himself and the natural world in section 16.
 - iv) What is the central theme or message in section 1078 by Emily Dickinson.
- b) Write short answers of **any two** of the following. **8**
- i) Describe Captain Ahab’s obsession.
 - ii) What is the significance of the white whale in *Moby Dick*?
 - iii) What is the significance of the scaffold scenes in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*?
 - iv) What is the ultimate fate of the characters in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*?
2. Write long answer of **any one** of the following. **16**
- i) What is the significance of Emerson’s assertion that “imitation is suicide”? How does this idea relate to self-reliance?
 - ii) Explain the role of nature in Thoreau’s philosophy, as depicted in “Where I Lived, and What I Lived For”.
3. Write long answer of **any one** of the following. **16**
- i) Explore Walt Whitman’s philosophy in *song of Myself* in the light of the sections prescribed for you.
 - ii) Explore the use of personification and how it contributes to the reader’s understanding of the sea in poem 1078.
4. Write long answer of **any one** of the following. **16**
- i) How does Melville use the setting of the sea and the whaling industry as a backdrop to explore deeper themes in *Moby Dick*?
 - ii) Write an essay on the art of characterization in *Moby dick*.
5. Write long answer of **any one** of the following. **16**
- i) Discuss Hester Prynne’s character and her journey throughout *The Scarlet Letter*.
 - ii) Examine the gender roles and women’s rights in the Puritan society of the 17th century as reflected in *The Scarlet Letter*.
