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M.A.DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018.

THIRD SEMESTER

English

Paper II — AMERICAN LITERATURE — I

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

(No additional sheet will be supplied)

PART A — (3 × 5 = 15 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

Each question carries 5 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 1 page.

1. American Renaissance
2. Transcendentalism
3. Puritanism
4. Symbolism
5. Romanticism
6. Nature in American poetry

PART B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 6 pages.

7. Discuss the major Trends of American Literature.

Or

8. Write an essay on the major influences of European Philosophy on American Literature.
9. Evaluate Emerson's The American Scholar as a milestone in American Literature.

Or

10. How does Thoreau make the moral distinction in his Civil Disobedience.

11. Explain the use of symbolism in Whitman's poetry.

Or

12. Comment on the themes of Emily Dickinson's poetry.

13. Sketch the character of Jim in The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

Or

14. Discuss the theme of 'sin and regeneration' in Hawthorne's The Scarlet Letter.

