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SUBJECT: ALLIED TO MAJOR(ENGLISH)

PAPER: AMERICAN STUDIES

Duration: 2 hrs

Total Marks: 80

Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory. However, internal choice is provided.

2) Figures to the right indicate the marks allotted per question.

Q1) Answer any four of the following:

16 marks

- Write a short note on Ralph Waldo Emerson's "The American Scholar".
- How does the novel Uncle Tom's Cabin expose evils of slavery?
- Mention some important contributions made by Edgar Allan Poe to 19th century American Literature.
- Who are the New England Brahmins?
- What is Transcendentalism? Mention some important transcendentalists of the 19th century American Literature.
- Write a short note on Walt Whitman's contribution to 19th century American poetry.

Q2) Answer any four of the following:

16 marks

- Who are the fire-side poets? What are the characteristics of fire-side poetry?
- How does Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel The Scarlet Letter show the ideals of Puritanism?
- Mention in brief the contributions made by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to 18th century American poetry.
- What are the most important contributions of Benjamin Franklin to 18th century colonial America?
- Who were the most important 19th century writers who made American literature popular abroad during their time?
- What is stream of consciousness? How is it used as a literary technique?

Q3) "Nineteenth Century is known as the 'Golden Age' of American Literature". Explain. 12 Marks

(OR)

Q3) Who are the New England Brahmins? What are their contributions to 19th century American Literature? 12 Marks

Q4) Noah Webster is called the "Father of American Scholarship and Education". Discuss. 12 Marks

(OR)

Q4) 'Henry David Thoreau's "Walden" is a reflection upon simple living in natural surroundings'. Discuss with respect to 19th century transcendental philosophy. 12 Marks

Q5) 'Edward Albee's drama "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was an opponent of societal idea of a perfect American family.' Explain. 12 Marks

(OR)

Q5) Mark Twain was regarded as the "greatest American humourist of his age". Explain. 12 Marks

Q6) Mention some important 18th century writers during the American Revolution. 12 Marks

(OR)

Q6) What is Abolitionist Literature? Mention one novel which contributed to the anti-slavery movement in 19th century American Literature. 12 Marks