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MA 4th Sem. Examination, 2014

Subject : English

American Literature Paper - 15

Time : 3 Hrs.

Full Marks : 80

1. Answer any five from the following questions 2×5 =10
(each within 50 words)
- (a) What was the effect of Puritanism in American literature?
 - (b) What kind of literature was produced in the early national age (1775-1828) in America?
 - (c) When did the Romantic movement in America begin? What was its most popular genre and what did the writers of the movement mostly celebrate?
 - (d) What were the two major happenings in American history that Whitman had witnessed? How did his poetry bear testimony to these events?
 - (e) Why is Emily Dickinson called a poet of 'inwardness'?
 - (f) What does the term 'Lost Generation' imply? How are the authors of this generation different from those of the older generation?
 - (g) Who is Captain Vere in Melville's *Billy Budd*? How did he prove that he was a 'good' captain?
2. Answer any three from the following questions 4×3 =12
(each within 100 words)
- (a) Comment briefly on the parent-child relationship in *Desire Under the Elms*.
 - (b) Comment on the symbolic significance of Santiago's loss of the marlin of the sharks.