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MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) English (Part II)
DECEMBER- 2011 EXAMINATION
Sub : American Literature (E-204)

Date: 23 /12/2011

Total marks: 100

Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Instructions :

- 1) All questions are compulsory.
- 2) Each question carries 20 marks.
- 3) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q. 1. a) In what way do the characters in 'Desire Under the Elms' reflect the negative side of human nature? **(20)**

OR

b) "All the characters in 'Desire Under the Elms' want to possess something". How far do you agree with this statement?

Q. 2. a) How does Albee highlight the problems of family life in 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' **(20)**

OR

b) Do you think that the plot of 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' is a compact one? Justify your answer.

Q. 3. a) Discuss 'The Old Man and the Sea' as an epic in prose. **(20)**

OR

b) Does 'The Old Man and the Sea' give a message of high ideals?

Q. 4. a) "The Scarlet Letter' is a reflection of the rigid morals of the society of those times." Do you agree with this statement? **(20)**

OR

b) Analyse the character of Hester Prynne in 'The Scarlet Letter'.

Q. 5. Write short notes on any two. **(20)**

- a) Theme of disillusionment in 'A View from the Bridge'.
 - b) The character of Huck in 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'.
 - c) Common themes in the poems of Frost and Dickinson
 - d) Confessional quality of Sylvia Plath's poetry.
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