

TILAK MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY, PUNE
MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) English (Part II)
May 2009 Examination
Sub : American Literature (E-204)

Date: 22//05/2008

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) "All the characters in 'Desire Under the Elms' want to possess something". How far do you agree with this statement? (20)

OR

b) In what way has Eugene O'Neill depicted the negative side of human nature in 'Desire Under the Elms'?

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) Analyse the character of Manolin in 'The Old Man and the Sea'. (20)

OR

b) Discuss 'The Old Man and the Sea' as an epic in prose.

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) How has Hawthorne made use of symbolism in 'The Scarlet Letter'?

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

- a) 'The Old Man and the Sea' as an allegory.
- b) Theme of isolation in 'The Scarlet Letter'.
- c) Nature as depicted in the poems of Robert Frost.
- d) Disillusionment of man in modern society as seen in 'A View from the Bridge'.