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**MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) English (Part II)**  
**MAY 2010 EXAMINATION**  
**Sub : American Literature (E-204)**

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**Date: 21/05/2010**

**Total marks: 100**

**Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm**

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**Instructions :**

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

**Q. 1. a) Do you think the title "Desire under the Elms" is appropriate for the play? Elaborate. (20)**

**OR**

b) How does O'Neill present a pessimistic view of human nature?

**Q. 2. a) In what way does Albee show disintegration of the family in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf". (20)**

**OR**

b) Analyze the structure of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf".

**Q. 3. a) "The Old Man and the Sea" presents excellent values. Do you agree? (20)**

**OR**

b) Analyze the character of the old man in "The Old Man and the Sea".

**Q. 4. a) "Isolation is a prominent theme in 'The Scarlet Letter' ". Discuss. (20)**

**OR**

b) How does Hawthorne portray Hester as a strong woman facing the anger of society?.

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

- a) Common themes in the poems of Dickinson and Frost
  - b) Characters of Tom and Huck
  - c) The problem of modern man in "A View from the Bridge".
  - d) Confessional quality in the poems of Sylvia Plath.
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