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

Date: 21/ 5/2011

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) How does Robert Frost use commonplace scenes and situations to express his philosophy? **(20)**

OR

b) Comment on the 'desires' in Desire under the Elms'.

Q. 2. a) Evaluate the use of death and alienation themes in Emily Dickenson's poetry. **(20)**

OR

b) Discuss The Old Man and the Sea as an allegory.

Q. 3. a) How is symbolism used in the novel The Scarlet Letter. **(20)**

OR

b) To what extent is The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn a book of social criticism?

Q. 4. a) Comment on the family life reflected in the play Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf. **(20)**

OR

b) How does Arthur Miller present the problems of modern man in A View from the Bridge?

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

- a) Nature in Frost's poetry.
 - b) Character sketch of Pearl.
 - c) Confessionalism in Sylvia Plath's poetry.
 - d) Themes of Steven's poetry.
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