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ENS 407

First Semester M.A. Degree Examination, December 2018 (New Choice Based Credit System) ENGLISH Nineteenth Century American Literature

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 70

Note: 1) Answer one question each from Sections A, B, C and D.

2) Bland summaries and irrelevant answers will **not** be considered.

SECTION – A $(1\times20=20)$

- 1. Attempt a critical appreciation of Walt Whitman's poem "Passage to India."
- 2. Individualism is at the core of Dickinson's poem "The Soul Selects Her Own Society." Explain.

SECTION – B (1×20=20)

- 3. Comment on the racial relationship as shown in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
- 4. Nathaniel Hawthorne's <u>The Scarlet Letter</u> is basically Christian in spirit and theme. Do you agree ? Discuss.

 $SECTION - C (1 \times 20 = 20)$

- 5. What are the cultural significations of Ralph Emerson's speech "The American Scholar"?
- 6. Critically analyze the major arguments in Thoreau's "Civil Disobedience."

SECTION – D $(1\times10=10)$

Write a short note on any one of the following.

- 7. The American civil war.
- 8. American Dream.
- 9. Transcendentalism.