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**POST-GRADUATE COURSE**  
**Term End Examination — June, 2023/December, 2023**  
**ENGLISH**  
**Paper-VI : AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Time : 4 hours ]

[ Full Marks : 100

Weightage of Marks : 80%

**Special credit will be given for accuracy and relevance in the answer. Marks will be deducted for incorrect spelling, untidy work and illegible handwriting. The weightage for each question has been indicated in the margin.**

**SECTION – A**

Answer any *two* of the following :

20 × 2 = 40

1. "Man may be destroyed but not defeated." Discuss Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* in the light of this remark.
2. Critically evaluate the contribution of the writers of historical works written during the Puritan period.
3. Critically assess Emerson's concept of the American scholar as found in his essay of the same title.
4. Analyse the title of William Faulkner's novel, *The Sound and the Fury*.

**SECTION – B**

Answer any *three* of the following :

14 × 3 = 42

5. Discuss the salient features of the prose of the Enlightenment period.
6. Analyse Frost's use of images in the poem, 'After Apple Picking'.
7. Bring out, with reference to *Walden*, the basic premises of Thoreau's philosophy.

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8. Comment on Toni Morrison's treatment of the marginalised girl child in *Sula*.
9. Examine the importance of the role of the narrator in *Moby Dick*.
10. Discuss *Death of a Salesman* as a critique of the American Dream.

**SECTION – C**

Answer any *two* of the following:

9 × 2 = 18

11. Examine the significance of the references to baseball in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
12. Why is the date April 8, 1928 not a happy one for Dilsey and the Compson family ?
13. Write a short note on any *one* of the following :
  - (i) Ishmael
  - (ii) Soapy
  - (iii) Hulga Hopewell.
14. Comment on the ending of the short story 'Good Country People'. Do you trace an element of irony here ?

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