MAY 2025 **U/ID 31544/UCR4A**

Time : Three hours Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

I. Answer any TEN questions in 30 words each.

1. Who are the exponents of American Transcendentalism?

2. What was the impact of Civil War in the abolition of slavery in America?

3. What according to Emerson are the dangers of conformity?

4. How did Thoreau feel when he entered in his new building at Waldon?

5. How does Emerson describe Brahma in his poem?

6. What does the central image "the slant of light signify in the poem, "There is a certain Slant of light"?

7. With whom does the poet Longfellow compare nature in his poem?

8. How does Montresor trap Fortunato in the story 'The Cask of Amontillado'?

9. What is the cause stated for the deranged behaviour of Bartleby in the story?

10. How does H.G. Well's book 'The Outline of History' affect David in the story "Pigeon Feathers"?

11. Why is Roger Chillingworth called "the leech"?

12. How does Pearl react when she first sees her mother without the scarlet A?

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

II. Answer any FIVE questions in 200 words each :

13. What are the key characteristics of American puritan literature?

14. Discuss the main purpose of the Gettysburg Address.

15. Bring out the analogy in the poem "O'Captain !, My Captain !".

16. How does the poet Anne Breadstreet present the longing of the speaker for the return of her long – absent husband?

17. Why does Montresor take revenge on Fortunato?

18. What type of work does Chillingworth take on in New England?

19. What is the purpose of the 'Custom – House' in the novel "The Scarlet Letter"?

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

III. Answer any THREE questions in 500 words each.

20. Examine the implications of the American War of Independence.

21. How does Emerson define "Self-Reliance" and what are the key benefits and challenges of living according to this principle?

22. Analyse how Whitman uses the elements of nature and the relationship between the birds, to explore the theme of love, loss and the awakening of the Speaker's poetic consciousness.

23. Discuss the narrative style of O'Henry with reference to the story "Let me feel your pulse".

24. Analyse the character and the role played by Hester Prynee in "The Scarlet Letter".

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