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M. A. PREVIOUS (EXTERNAL) EXAMINATION APRIL 2018  
ENGLISH  
Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April  
10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.  
Paper – IV-B: ENG – 404: American Literature

- Instructions: (1) Question No. 1 is compulsory.  
(2) Attempt ANY FIVE questions including Question No. 1.  
(3) All questions carry equal marks.  
(4) Maximum Marks: 100

Q. 1 A Write a detailed note on at least two New England writers. (20)

OR

Q. 1 B Write a detailed note on two modern American dramatists. (20)

Q. 2 A Comment on the symbolism of Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*. (20)

OR

Q. 2 B What is the theme of Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*? How does Hemingway project it? Discuss. (20)

Q. 3 A Examine Faulkner's *Absalom, Absalom* as a tragedy. (20)

OR

Q. 3 B Discuss the narrative technique of Faulkner in *Absalom, Absalom*. (20)

Q. 4 A Define the term essay and examine "Self-Reliance" as an essay. (20)

OR

Q. 4 B Critically appreciate "The Poet" as an essay. (20)

Q. 5 A Examine Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* as a realistic play. (20)

OR

Q. 5 B Discuss the preoccupations of Arthur Miller in *Death of a Salesman*. (20)

Q. 6 Critically appreciate ANY TWO of Emily Dickinson's poems from the following: (20)

- (a) "I Heard a Fly Buzz"
- (b) "There is a Certain Slant of Light"
- (c) "Success is Counted Sweetest"
- (d) "Because I Could not Stop for Death"