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MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.) English (Part II)
MAY 2010 EXAMINATION
Sub: American Literature (E-204)

Date: 21/05/2010       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) Do you think the title “Desire under the Elms” is appropriate for the play? Elaborate. (20)

OR

b) How does O’Neill present a pessimistic view of human nature?

Q. 2. a) In what way does Albee show disintegration of the family in “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf”. (20)

OR

b) Analyze the structure of “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf”.

Q. 3. a) “The Old Man and the Sea” presents excellent values. Do you agree? (20)

OR

b) Analyze the character of the old man in “The Old Man and the Sea”.

Q. 4. a) “Isolation is a prominent theme in ‘The Scarlet Letter’. Discuss. (20)

OR

b) How does Hawthorne portray Hester as a strong woman facing the anger of society?

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

a) Common themes in the poems of Dickinson and Frost

b) Characters of Tom and Huck

c) The problem of modern man in “A View from the Bridge”.

d) Confessional quality in the poems of Sylvia Plath.