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1. **Mention two ideas of Christianity upheld by the Unitarians in America.**
2. Mention two more exponents of Transcendentalism in America other than Emerson and Whitman.
3. From where is the title “The sound and the fury” taken? What does it signify in the novel?
4. What is Puritanism?
5. In which anthology do you find the poem ‘Song of Myself’? In which year was the anthology published?

2. Write briefly on the following in about 100 words: 5x4=20

1. Transcendentalism
2. Poetry of the Harlem Renaissance
3. Character of Benjy in *The Sound and the Fury*
4. The idea of the “Great American Novel”

3. Answer **any** **four** of the following: 4x10=40

1. How, according to Emerson, reliance on Nature can help in building the individual self of the American scholar?
2. How do different myths help in building the foundation of a modern America? Critically discuss with reference to the important myths you have studied.
3. Critically discuss “*Death of a Salesman”* as a tragedy of modern man in the hands of unfavourable situations.
4. Discuss Emily Dickinson’s poetry as an embodyment of a strong female voice in nineteenth century American poetry.
5. How do Langston Hughes’ poems embody the voice of the African Americans in America? Substantiate your answer with reference to an analysis of the poems prescribed.

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