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Answer **Four** of the following questions. 25% each.

1. Choose one Puritan author and discuss his or her works in relation to the central principles of Puritan ideology.
2. In what ways is Dame Van Winkle portrayed as the cultural villain in Washington Irving's "Rip Van Winkle"? Analyze this character and the significance of her death in the story.
3. Discuss the similarities between Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* and Benjamin Franklin's *The Autobiography* **OR** between *Walden* and Frederick Douglass's *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*.
4. Explore the issues of moral ambiguity in one of Nathaniel Hawthorne's short stories or novels.
5. Comment on Walt Whitman's poetry as a culmination in the development of American identity, particularly the ideas of self-reliance and concepts of democracy.
6. Focus on one Emily Dickinson's poem and discuss her unusual observations on nature **OR** death.