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ANGLO-AMERICAN LITERATURE EXAMINATION

Important Note: Write ALL YOUR ANSWERS on the Answering Sheet.

Part One: Answer any 2 out of the 3 questions below (50%)

(All three may be answered if you have time):

1) The sonnet became one of the favorite poetic forms in the 16th and 17th centuries; why do you think this was so and who were some of the famous authors?

2) In the various literary genres of the Restoration and 18th-century literature, the satiric mode was one of the favorites. Name a few representative works and describe the kind of satire employed.

3) In the two columns below, fill in as many characteristics of each period that you can think of:

Romanticism

Victorianism

individualism

industrialism

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Part Two: Answer any 2 out of the 3 questions below (50%)

(All three may be answered if you have time):

1) Compare Hawthorne and Poe as story tellers.

2) Compare Whitman and Dickinson as poets.

3) How accurately do you think the following words describe 19th-century America? To what extent could they also apply to America's 20th and 21st centuries?

Both men and women deserted wornout farms for factories, where many began to feel what Emerson called "the disproportion between their faculties and the work offered them." Far too often the search for a better life had degenerated into a desire to possess factory-made objects. "Things are in the saddle," Emerson said sweepingly, "and ride mankind." In elaboration of that accusation, Thoreau wrote *Walden* as a treatise on explaining the spiritual life by simplifying material wants. Informing Thoreau's outrage at the materialism of his time was the bitter knowledge that even the most impoverished were being led to waste their money (and, therefore, their lives) on trumpery. In a vocabulary echoing Benjamin Franklin, he condemned the merging consumer economy that was devoted, even in the infancy of advertising to the creation of "artificial wants" for things that were unneeded or outright pernicious.