

International Islamic University Chittagong

Department of English Language and Literature

Final Examination, Semester: Spring 2018

Course Title: American Transcendentalists

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Full Marks: 50

Time: 2:30 Hrs

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(N.B: The figures in the right hand margin indicate allocated marks.)

**Answer Question 1 and three others from the rest taking at least one from each author.**

1. Locate and explain any **four** of the following: 5x4=20
  - a. The virtue in most request is conformity. Self-reliance is its aversion.
  - b. ... the wisest have ever lived a more simple and meager life than the poor.
  - c. They measure their esteem of each other, by what each has, and not by what each is.
  - d. ... the principal object is, not that mankind may be well and honestly clad, but, unquestionably, that corporations may be enriched.
  - e. Thy love afar is spite at home.
  - f. ... we are still forced to cut our *spiritual* bread far thinner than our forefathers did their wheaten.
  
2. What does Thoreau mean when he says modern "men have become the tools of their tools.?" 10
3. Justify Emerson's assertion 'A self-reliant man is original and not conventional'. 10
4. Write on the four areas where Emerson thinks self-reliance must work a revolution. 10
5. Assess Thoreau's criticism regarding the modern concept of shelter. 10
6. Formulate the instructions that we receive from Thoreau regarding minimalism. 10