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HXE 106 – Modern American and English Literature

Masa: [3 jam]

THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS TEN [10] QUESTIONS ON TWO [2] PAGES.

Answer FOUR [4] questions. TWO [2] from Section A and TWO [2] from Section B.

SECTION A

Answer any TWO [2] questions.

1. Poe's short stories tend to focus on the darker side of human behaviour with very little that is edifying. Discuss.

[100 marks]
2. Discuss the role played by Curley's wife in the lives of the ranch workers in Of Men and Mice.

[100 marks]
3. Compare and contrast the treatment of the theme of conservation in Arthur Yap's Old House at Ang Siang Hill and Lee Tzu Pheng's Bukit Timah, Singapore.

[100 marks]
4. With reference to any TWO poems from The Calling of Kindred discuss the different levels of addressivity posited by the language of the poems.

[100 marks]

SECTION B

Answer any **TWO** [2] questions.

5. Does Salinger's The Catcher in The Rye present the child's world as real and the adult's world as damaging?

[100 marks]

6. Man can transcend falsehood and hypocrisy. Is this reflected in The Catcher in The Rye?

[100 marks]

7. Frost's natural world is hostile and indifferent. Do you agree?

[100 marks]

8. What is Frost's view of man's nature? Discuss with reference to his poems.

[100 marks]

9. Discuss the sense of alienation felt by the women characters in the selected short stories by contemporary women writers.

[100 marks]

10. How do the women characters in the selected short stories by contemporary women writers manifest the idea of acceptance vs. antagonism?

[100 marks]

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