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系別：英文學系

科目：美國文學

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Answer *four* of the following six questions. 25% each.

1. Choose one foundational text from the eighteenth century (before or after the Independence) and discuss in what way(s) this text reflects Enlightenment and contemporary U.S. values and beliefs.
2. What is the significance of Henry David Thoreau in American literature? Discuss him as a reformer, travel writer, and writer of environmental consciousness.
3. Cite some poems from Emily Dickinson and analyze the major themes in her poetry.
4. In what sense can we say that Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* marks the beginning of the modern novel? What innovations has Twain manifested in the novel?
5. How does Ernest Hemingway or William Faulkner deal with the issue of the "woman question" of the earlier twentieth century? Provide examples from the author's works to support your argument.
6. How relevant is the theme of the American Dream to ethnic American writers? Cite your favorite writer(s) to illustrate your point.