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

1. In what ways does Benjamin Franklin's writing ("The Way to Wealth" or *The Autobiography*, for example) contribute to the formation of a U.S. national character?
2. How does J. Hector St. John de Crèvecoeur envision a modern and perfect society in *Letters from an American Farmer*?
3. Discuss the importance of the individual in any of Ralph Waldo Emerson's writings (*Nature*, "The American Scholar," "Self-Reliance," etc.).
4. How does Henry David Thoreau conceive the relation of nature and humans in his works?
5. Comment on Edgar Allan Poe as a Gothic fiction writer.
6. Discuss some of the topics or issues in Nathaniel Hawthorne's short stories or novels.
7. How is Walt Whitman **OR** Emily Dickinson unique as a U.S. poet?