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American Literature

1. Thoreau's famous dictum in the essay "Walking"— "In Wildness is the preservation of the World"— has received wide attention among students of American Romanticism. Explicate the dictum to answer these questions: 1) What is "Wildness" and how does it differ from wilderness? 2) What is the "World"? 3) Are Wildness and World alternative forms of Other? 4) Does the dictum carry a critique of mainstream culture and envisage an alternative one? 40%
2. Discuss the rise of the concept of ethnicity and the remapping of American literature. Is this reflected in recent anthologies of American literature? Refer to specific authors and their works where necessary. 30%
3. Discuss at least one representative text of one of the following authors from an ecological angle: Emerson, Hawthorne, Melville, Dickinson, Muir, Frost, Stevens, Jeffers, Leopold, Faulkner, Snyder, Lopez, Berry, Dillard. 30%