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# EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

## THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS AND CULTURE (2011/2012) (September 2014)

### ENG 3201 – AMERICAN LITERATURE

Answer any four questions.

Time: 02 Hours

1. What is ironic about the speaker's statements concerning his neighbour's opinion of wall-building in 'Mending Wall' by Robert Frost?
2. How is death portrayed (personified) in "Because I could not Stop for Death" by Emily Dickinson?
3. "Insist on yourself; never imitate." Discuss the above statement with respect to Emerson's "Self Reliance."
4. Discuss the role of pride in Santiago's plight in the novel *Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway.
5. How does the dramatist Arthur Miller deal with the "American Dream" in his play *Death of a Salesman*?
6. Analyze the theme of the poem "Sunday Morning" by Wallace Stevens.
7. Describe the relationship between the husband and wife in the poem "Home Burial" by Robert Frost.