# MASTER OF ARTS (ENGLISH)

## (MEG)

## **Term-End Examination**

## December, 2023

## **MEG-11: AMERICAN NOVEL**

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 100

- Note: (i) Attempt any one question from Section A
  and any four questions from Section B.
  - (ii) Attempt **five** questions in all.
  - (iii) All questions carry equal marks.

## Section—A

Discuss the distinctive features of the American novel of the nineteenth century.

 Critically comment on the thematic concerns of the post-Second World War American novelists.
 Discuss with reference to any two of the novels prescribed in your syllabus.

#### Section—B

- 3. Comment on the concept of the frontier in The Last of the Mohicans.20
- 4. Write a brief note on naturalism in Sister Carrie.
- 5. How does Fitzgerald bring out the interplay of criminal wealth and respectability in *The Great Gatsby*?
- 6. Discuss Scott Momaday's *House Made of Dawn* as a bildungsroman.
- 7. Discuss Holden Caulfield's vision of childhood and adulthood in *The Catcher in the Rye.* 20
- 8. Comment on the theme of alienation in William Faulkner's *Light in August*. 20

9.	How does Alice Walker explore the issu-	es of
	racial, sexual and class prejudices in The	Color
	Purple?	20

- 10. Discuss John Barth's *The Floating Opera* as a postmodern novel.20
- 11. Comment on the significance of the title "Black Spring."