

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN ENGLISH**

00335

Term-End Examination

December, 2014

MEG-11 : AMERICAN NOVEL

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

*Note : Attempt any **one** question from Section A and any **four** questions from Section B. Attempt **five** questions in all. All questions carry equal marks.*

SECTION A

*Attempt any **one** question from the following :*

1. Novelists of the nineteenth century America may be considered as "Social visionaries". Discuss with reference to the novels in your syllabus. 20

2. Write a critical note on Naturalism in American Fiction. 20

SECTION B

Attempt any **four** questions from the following :

3. Critically comment on the romantic quality of *The Last of the Mohicans*. 20
 4. Discuss *Sister Carrie* as a novel of ideas. 20
 5. Explore the concept of 'The American Dream' in *The Great Gatsby*. 20
 6. Attempt a character sketch of Joe Christmas in *Light in August*. 20
 7. Write a critical note on Holden Caulfield in *The Catcher in the Rye*. 20
 8. Discuss how *The Floating Opera* negates both existential euphoria and cynicism. 20
 9. Discuss *House Made of Dawn* as a 'bildungsroman'. 20
 10. Discuss *The Color Purple* as a woman-centred text. 20
 11. The theme of *Black Spring* is 'universal death'. Do you agree? Discuss. 20
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