

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

06101

December, 2015

MEG-6 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : *Attempt five questions in all. Question no. 1 is compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.*

1. Critically comment on Puritanism with reference to American writing in the 19th century. 20
2. The central concern of *Huckleberry Finn* is freedom and slavery. Discuss. 20
3. What are the chief characteristics of American Transcendentalist Prose ? Elaborate with reference to the prose writers you have read. 20
4. Explain the concept of the self in Whitman's poems. 20

5. How does Wallace Stevens juxtapose images of life and death in "The Emperor of Ice-Cream" ? Explain. 20
 6. How does "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place" explore Hemingway's existentialist concerns ? Discuss. 20
 7. *The Hairy Ape* is about the predicament of man in the 20th century industrial civilization. Do you agree ? Discuss. 20
 8. Comment on Toni Morrison's attitude to physical beauty with reference to her novel *The Bluest Eye*. 20
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