

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME
IN ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

June, 2022

MEG-06 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt **five** questions in all in about 500 words each. Question no. 1 is **compulsory**. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Write an essay on the reasons and circumstances under which the Puritans migrated from England to America. 20
2. Discuss in detail the American social conditions in which Arthur Miller created his drama. 20
3. Discuss the use of humour as an effective tool of social criticism in *Huckleberry Finn*. 20

4. Elaborate on the art of characterisation in *The Scarlet Letter* citing all the minor characters. 20
 5. Discuss in detail Whitman's poetic representation of Nature with suitable examples from poems prescribed in your course. 20
 6. Write an essay on the major points of difference between African-American literature and mainstream American writings. 20
 7. Bring out the distinct features in the poetry of Wallace Stevens particularly in the context of his entry in the world of imagination. 20
 8. Critically evaluate the quest for ideal beauty as dealt in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*. 20
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