

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN  
ENGLISH

Term-End Examination

June, 2010

MEG-11 : AMERICAN NOVEL

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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- Note : (i) Attempt any five questions.  
(ii) All questions carry equal marks.
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1. Bring out the main features of the American Renaissance. 20
2. Highlight the stylistic and thematic principles found in Miller's *Black Spring*. 20
3. *The Last of the Mohicans* is a novel about race and the difficulties of overcoming racial divides. Comment. 20
4. *The Catcher in the Rye* is a bildungsroman. Discuss. 20

5. Comment on the art of characterization in *The Great Gatsby*. 20
  6. *The Floating Opera* describes John Barth's notion of human existence as arbitrary. Discuss. 20
  7. Comment on the note of austere materialism in Theodore Dreiser's *Sister Carrie*. 20
  8. Discuss the title of the novel *The Color Purple*. 20
  9. Discuss *A House Made of Dawn* as a breakthrough of Native American Literature into the Mainstream American Writing. 20
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