

M. A. IN ENGLISH
(MEG)

Term-End Examination
December, 2023
MEG-18 : AMERICAN POETRY

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : (i) Answer **five** questions in all.

(ii) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

(iii) All questions carry equal marks.

1. Critically interpret any **two** of the following stanzas with reference to context : $10 \times 2 = 20$
- (a) Then the theater was changed to something else. Its past was a souvenir.
- (b) Some view our sable race with scornful eye,
“Their colour is a diabolic dye.”

(c) And whoever heard such whisperings ?
Whoever saw such fellowships ?

2. Attempt a critical note on modernist poetry. 20
3. Who are the major figures of Transcendentalism ? Discuss *two* poets of your choice who followed the trend. 20
4. What are the social and cultural values and forces that shaped early American poetry ? 20
5. Langston Hughes' poem "Let America be America Again" is a signature poem of American poetry. Discuss. 20
6. What echoes of Nazi behaviour do you find in Sylvia Plath's poem, "Daddy" ? 20
7. Discuss how the epigraph of the poem, "Pantoun for Chinese Women" contributes to the way we perceive the poem. 20