

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

December, 2006

MEG-6 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt **five** questions in all. Question number **1** is **compulsory**.

1. Discuss Benjamin Franklin and Jonathan Edwards as the voices of Enlightenment. 20
2. How does "The Custom House", Hawthorne's preface to *The Scarlet Letter* get linked up with the main text ? 20
3. "The inter-racial friendship between Huck and Jim can be interpreted only as an idealistic alliance." Comment. 20
4. Discuss the evolution of pamphlet-writing in America leading upto America's Declaration of Independence. 20
5. Write a critical appreciation of Emily Dickinson's poem "My Life Had Stood — A Loaded Gun." 20
6. In what ways do the different aspects of women's lives, represented in "Snapshots of a Daughter-in-law", contribute to a feminist statement by Adrienne Rich ? 20

7. Give a brief account of the development of the short story genre in America, with special reference to Hemingway and Faulkner. 20
8. “In *Death of a Salesman*, Arthur Miller fulfilled his aspiration to produce a realistic tragedy.” Discuss. 20