

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

June, 2007

MEG-6 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Write a critical note on the ideology of Puritanism reflected in American literature. 20
2. What does Hawthorne focus upon and criticise in *The Scarlet Letter* ? Discuss. 20
3. The 'setting free' of the already free Jim at the end of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is merely a farcical episode. Do you agree ? Give a reasoned answer. 20
4. "In *Walden*, Thoreau celebrates the culture of commerce." Discuss. 20

5. “When Lilacs Last in the Doorway Bloomed” by Walt Whitman is as much a poem about life-affirmation as it is a poem about death. Do you agree ? Give a reasoned answer. 20
6. “In O’Neill’s *The Hairy Ape*, we come across man’s struggle with his past as also himself.” Comment. 20
7. Write a critical appreciation of Wallace Steven’s poem “Sunday Morning”. 20
8. Comment on the appropriateness of the title of Toni Morrison’s novel, *The Bluest Eye*. 20