

**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

December, 2007

MEG-6 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. Discuss the structure of the Puritan town in New England. 20
2. "While the major characters are multi-dimensional and complex, the minor characters are more simple and allegorical in *The Scarlet Letter*." Discuss. 20
3. Write a note on Black literary expression in nineteenth century America. 20
4. Write a critical appreciation of 'Crossing Brooklyn Ferry'. 20
5. Discuss the major concerns of Hemingway in his short stories and the formal strategies he often adopts in highlighting them. 20
6. Examine the problem of identity in Eugene O'Neill's play *The Hairy Ape*. 20
7. Attempt a critical appreciation of the poem "The Emperor of Ice-Cream". 20

8. Discuss the narrative strategies used by the writer in
The Bluest Eye.

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