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**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

December, 2010

MEG-6 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt five questions in all. Question no. 1 is compulsory.

1. Write a critical note on the ideology of puritanism reflected in American Literature. 20
2. Discuss the narrative strategies used by the writer in *The Bluest Eye*. 20
3. 'In *Walden*, Thoreau celebrates the culture of commerce'. Discuss. 20
4. Outline the evolution of revolutionary prose in America during the years leading up to America's War of Independence. 20

5. Adrienne Rich had strong feminist beliefs. Explain with reference to her poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'. 20

 6. Comment critically on O' Neill's use of expressionism in *The Hairy Ape*. 20

 7. Mark Twain's engagement in *Huckleberry Finn* is principally with the twin themes of freedom and slavery. Discuss. 20

 8. Discuss briefly the growth and development of American Drama. 20
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