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**MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH**

Term-End Examination

December, 2011

MEG-6 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. How did the emergence of trading interests 20
undermine the unity within the Puritan
settlements ?

2. How do you account for Iseola's low self-esteem 20
and her quest for blue eyes ?

3. Examine the American milieu in which Arthur 20
Miller emerges as a dramatist.

4. Examine the theme of *A clean well-lighted place* 20
and the techniques Hemingway employs to project
this theme.

5. Do the two poems by Rich, 'Aunt Jenifer's Tigers' and 'Snapshots of a Daughter-in-law' have anything in common? How are they different from each other with respect to theme and content? 20

 6. Bring out the importance of the minor characters in *The Scarlet Letter*. How are they related to the major characters. 20

 7. Discuss the use of humour as a tool of social criticism in *Huckleberry Finn*. 20

 8. Comment on some of the shifts in style and substance in American Prose written after the American civil war as compared to the period before? 20
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