

MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
ENGLISH

Term-End Examination

December, 2013

MEG-6 : AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Note : Attempt five questions in all. All questions carry 20 marks. Question No.1 is compulsory.

1. Discuss the major tenets of American Enlightenment. What were its effects on life and literature ? 20
2. Critically comment on the significance of the three scaffold scenes in the narrative of *The Scarlet Letter*. 20
3. "The notable changes in the American prose around the civil war came not in what was written about but in the ways of writing". Comment. 20
4. Discuss *Death of a Salesman* as a tragedy of modern times. 20

5. "The twentieth century short story primarily offers perceptions on human characters". Discuss. **20**
 6. Would you call Adrienne Rich a Feminist ? Discuss with examples. **20**
 7. Which are the narrative strategies employed by the writer in *The Bluest eye* ? Explain with examples. **20**
 8. Critically analyse the major concerns of Hemingway in his short stories. **20**
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