

B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2016
Semester – V
English
Course: H-12 (Core)
(American Literature)

(For Regular and Back Candidates)

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of equal value

Answer **Question no. 1** and **any three** from the rest.

1. a) Write a note on the Puritan legacy of American Literature.
Or
b) What is the nature of Man in the literature of America between 1830 and 1860? Discuss with reference to the major writers of that period.
 2. a) “Whitman is both national and universal”- Discuss with reference to “Crossing Brooklyn Ferry”.
Or
b) “I find ecstasy in living.” Do you agree to this confession of Emily Dickinson? Elucidate with reference to the two poems you have read.
 3. a) Examine the symbolism in Longfellow’s “Bridge”.
Or
b) Critically analyse Wheatley’s “On Being Brought from Africa to America”.
 4. a) How would you link Margaret Fuller’s feminism with Transcendentalism? Discuss.
Or
b) What role in collective and individual human existence does Thoreau attribute to nature? Discuss with reference to *Walden*.
 5. a) Poe employs supernatural elements to create a double narrative in “The Fall of the House of Usher”. Discuss.
Or
b) Comment on the significance of the nature imagery in “Rappaccini’s Daughter”.
 6. a) Comment on the historical perspective of *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*.
Or
b) Comment on the narrative style that Mark Twain uses in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.
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