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**M.A. English 3rd Semester (New)
w.e.f. December, 2014
Examination-December, 2015**

AMERICAN LITERATURE-I

Paper : XII (Opt.i)

Time : 3 hours

Max. Marks : 80

Before answering the questions, candidates should ensure that they have been supplied the correct and complete question paper. No complaint in this regard will be entertained after the examination.

Note : All questions are compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Write short notes on any four (in about 200 words each) selecting at least one from each unit.

Unit-I

- (i) What does Emerson mean when he advises American writer to abandon the imitation of "The Courtyl Muses of Europe" ?

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- (ii) Civil Rights Movement
(iii) Lost Generation
(iv) Melting Pot theory
(v) The Depression
(vi) New England
(vii) Harlem Renaissance
(viii) Puritanism

OR

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(ii) What does Thoreau mean when he says, "Simplify, Simplify"?

Unit-II

(iii) "Do I contradict myself? Very well then I contradict myself." Explain.

(iv) Whitman's concept of oneness between human beings and animals. Explain.

Unit-III

(v) Thematic significance of the 1st chapter ("The Prison Door") of *The Scarlet Letter*.

(vi) Symbolic significance of forest in *The Scarlet Letter*.

2. Idealism is a persistent thread in American thought and life. Develop this idea on the basis of your study of Emerson's essay "American Scholar."

OR

Thoreau has inspired twentieth century leaders such as Martin Luther King and

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Mahatma Gandhi. Write a detailed note on Thoreau's Philosophy as contained in his essay "Where I Lived And What I Lived For".

3. Comment on the characteristic features of Whitman's poetic style.

OR

In "Song of Myself" Whitman lays equal stress on the claims of body and soul. Elaborate the statement.

4. Examine Hawthorne's vision of evil in *The Scarlet Letter*.

OR

Discuss the significance of the Custom House section in *The Scarlet Letter*.

5. Write short notes on (in about 200 words each) on any four topics :

(i) American Dream

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