

M.A.(English)(with Credits)-Regular-Semester 2012 Sem III  
**MAENG231-4-Paper-XII : American Literature**

P. Pages : 1

Time : Three Hours



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Max. Marks : 80

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1. Annotate **any four** of the following. **16**
- i) Life lies behind us as the quarry from whence we get tiles and copestones for the masonry of to -day. This is the way to learn grammar.
  - ii) I cannot consent to pay for a privilege where I have intrinsic right. Few and mean as my gifts may be, I actually am.
  - iii) His name was never in the paper He's not the finest character that ever lived, but he's a human being, and a terrible thing is happening to him.
  - iv) How could I answer the child? I do not know what it is any more than he. I guess it must be the flag of my disposition, out of hopeful green stuff woven.
  - v) And life is too much like a pathless wood where your face burns and tickles with the cobwebs Broken across it, and one eye is weeping.
  - vi) I know of no more encouraging fact that the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavor.
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- a) Explain Thoreau's 'simplicity mode of life' in the chapter 'Economy'.
  - b) Discuss the relevance of Emerson's essays "Self - Reliance" and "The American Scholar" in today's knowledge society.
3. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- a) Write an essay on Robert Frost's 'Humanism' as revealed in his poems.
  - b) 'Song of Myself' is a poetic utterance on democracy and universal brotherhood. Discuss.
4. Answer **any one** of the following question. **16**
- a) Write an essay on Family dreams in 'Death of a Salesman'.
  - b) Willy Loman is a modern tragic hero - Discuss.
5. Answer **any one** of the following questions. **16**
- a) Discuss the theme of family Love in 'Beloved'.
  - b) 'Steinbeck's 'The Grapes of Wrath' is a depiction of spiritual gain amidst economic deprivation'. Comment.

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