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Term-End Examination : January-2026

Course Name : MEG

Subject Name : American Literature

Subject Code : MEG-06

Date : 13-02-2026

Time : 11:30AM TO 01:45PM

Max Marks : 70

Q.-1. Write answers to any one of the questions given below (in 1,200 words). (14)

1. Examine how slavery, racial attitudes, frontier life, and nineteenth-century American society inform the moral and ideological framework of the novel.

(1) Critically appreciate Ezra Pound's Hugh Selwyn Mauberley.

Q.-2. Answer the following question (Attempt any one) in about 1200 words. (14)

1. Analyse the major characters in 'The Scarlet Letter' with special reference to Hester Prynne, Arthur Dimmesdale, Roger Chillingworth, and Pearl.
2. Critically examine the major themes and imagery in the poetry of Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson.

Q.-3. Write answers to any one of the questions given below (in 1,200 words). (14)

1. Analyse the narrative structure of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.
2. Critically appreciate Canto XVII of Ezra Pound's The Cantos.

Q.-4. Write short notes on any two of the following topics. (14)

1. Discuss narrative techniques of A Clean Well-Lighted Place by Hemingway.
2. Discuss the character of Dimmesdale in The Scarlet Letter.
3. Discuss the American society during 1865-1914.
4. Discuss Mark Twain's ideas on Slavery.

Q.-5. Select the correct response for each of the following questions (14)

(1) The----- emphasised upon the first four of the Ten Commandments.

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| A) Puritans | B) Anglicans |
| C) Believers | D) Protestants |

(2) After the Restoration of Monarchy,government moved vigorously to pull the New England merchants back into line.

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| A) Charles II's | B) Charles I's |
| C) William II's | D) James II's |

(3) Spanish -speaking Americans of Latin American descents are called -----

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| A) Latin Americans | B) North Americans |
| C) Hispanics | D) Migrants |

(4) The Scarlet Letter is published in -----

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| A) 1850 | B) 1855 |
| C) 1875 | D) 1860 |

(5) The Scarlet Letter is a dark and mysterious symbol of a fallen woman's suffering and redemption in

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| A) colonial New England | B) Free Old England |
| C) colonised territory of England | D) Free England |

(6) Both Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn are set in the -----

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| A) Post Civil War period | B) Pre civil war period |
| C) Post World War | D) Pre World War |

(7) Ralph Waldo Emerson was the spokesman of -----

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| A) Transcendentalism | B) American Revolution |
| C) Romanticism | D) daidaism |
