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Term-End Examination : January-2026

Course Name : MEG

Subject Name : American Novel

Subject Code : MEG-11

Date : 17-02-2026

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. Explain the major social and economic changes taking place in America during the period of Sister Carrie.
2. Examine the contribution of Ralph Waldo Emerson to American Transcendentalist thought.

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

1. Examine the philosophical ideas that contributed to the growth of the nineteenth-century American novel.
2. Analyse the internal evidence of Eastern philosophy in Miller's writings.

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

1. Explain the idea of the American character in the nineteenth century as discussed in the unit.
2. Analyse how Cooper combines moral vision with social and political concerns in his novels, especially through the Leatherstocking Tales.

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

1. Discuss the themes and patterns of the 19th century novel.
2. Discuss the first complete American Novel and its various themes.
3. Discuss the setting of the Five Leatherstocking Tales.
4. Discuss Cooper's moral vision in The Leatherstocking Tales.

Q.-5. Choose the correct answer from the options given below (14)

(1) the 19th century Novelists of America are considered as-----

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| A) Social Visionaries | B) Social Servants |
| C) Social Politicians | D) Social Leaders |

(2) Romanticism in America took shape out of these twin qualities----- and -----

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| A) Love Trust | B) Self-trust----- expansion |
| C) Faith -----religion | D) Freedom----- discipline |

(3) Edgar Allen Poe took----- as his inspiration in the search for a consistent theory of Art.

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| A) Coleridge | B) Wordsworth |
| C) Byron | D) Shelley |

(4) Sister Carrie communicates the felt quality of a historically located American society of -----

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| A) 19th Century | B) 20th Century |
| C) 18th Century | D) Early 21st century |

(5) Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby was published in -----

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| A) 1922 | B) 1989 |
| C) 1925 | D) 1930 |

(6) The technique used in the novel 'Sound and Fury' is-----

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| A) Narrative technique | B) Stream of Consciousness |
| C) Abstract | D) first person narrative |

(7) There are -----stands in the narrative of Light in August .

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| A) 3 | B) 4 |
| C) 5 | D) 6 |
