

**MAEG-10**

June - Examination 2016

**MA (Final) English Examination****American Literature****Paper - MAEG-10****Time : 3 Hours ]****[ Max. Marks :- 80**

**Note:** The question paper is divided into three sections A, B and C. Write answer as per the given instructions.

**Section - A****8 × 2 = 16**

(Very Short Answer Questions)

**Note:** This section contains 8 (eight) very short answer type questions (one word, one sentence and definitional type item) having weightage of 16 (sixteen) marks. Attempt all the questions. Each question carries 2 (two) marks and the maximum word limit is 30 (thirty) words.

- 1) (i) Where does the story 'A Small Good Thing' by Raymond Carver begin and end?
- (ii) What does Emerson mean by 'Shakespearized' English poets?
- (iii) What myth has Brutus Jones created to save himself in case there is a revolt against him?
- (iv) Who are the three members in the Wingfield family in 'The Glass Menagerie'. Give their names.

- (v) Who are the two romantic images of success in Willy Loman's dreams?
- (vi) What is Pecola's own logic for her desire to have blue eyes?
- (vii) Why does Mark Twain establish the contrast between Pap and the mixed race man in 'Huckleberry Finn'?
- (viii) What is rain in 'A Farewell to Arms' symbol of?

### Section - B

4 × 8 = 32

(Short Answer Questions)

**Note:** This section contains 8 (eight) short answer type questions. Answer any 4 (four) questions. Each question carries 8 (eight) marks. The weightage of this section is 32 (thirty two) marks. Delimit each answer in maximum 200 (two hundred) words.

- 2) Discuss 'The Scarlet Letter' as a psychological novel.
- 3) Discuss Frost's 'Fire and Ice' as a masterpiece of condensation and understatement.
- 4) Emily Dickinson shows an unusual skill in recording vivid sense impressions. Discuss with example from the poems you have read.
- 5) Discuss Whitman's 'Song of Myself' as the first truly modern poem.
- 6) Draw a character sketch of the narrator of the short story 'Vitamins'.
- 7) What does Emerson say about a Scholar's duties towards society?

- 8) Write a note on the supernatural element in the hallucinations of Brutus Jones.
- 9) How does Jim drive out Laura's shyness and stand offish attitude? How far does he succeed?

**Section - C****2 × 16 = 32**

(Long Answer Questions)

**Note:** This section contains 4 (four) long answer type questions. Each question carries 16 (sixteen) marks. Answer any 2 (two) questions. The weightage of this question is 32 (thirty two) marks. Delimit each answer in maximum 500 (five hundred) words.

- 10) Discuss Miller's 'Death of a Salesman' as a tragedy.
- 11) Discuss 'Whiteness as the Standard of Beauty' with reference to 'The Bluest Eye'.
- 12) Draw a character sketch of Huck in 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'.
- 13) Discuss 'A Farewell to Arms' as an antiwar novel.

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