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**MEG/MAEGD 303: AMERICAN LITERATURE I**

Time: **3 Hours** Total Marks: **70**

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2. What is the “Great Migration”?
3. What is the significance of the title *The Scarlet Letter*?
4. What are the three kinds of literature advocated by the Puritans?
5. What is the main philosophy of Enlightenment?

2. Write briefly on the following in not more than 100 words: 4x5=20

1. Character of Benjy in *The Sound and the Fury*
2. The myth of American Adam
3. Harlem Renaissance
4. Chief attributes of a ‘Scholar’ according to R.W. Emerson
5. River vs Negro in Langston Hughes’ “The Negro speaks of Rivers”.

3. Answer **any four** of the following: 10x4= 40

1. Critically discuss the role of the American Poet in making of a self- reliant America as viewed by Walt Whitman
2. Discuss *The Scarlet Letter* as a critique of Puritanism in America.
3. Critically examine how Langston Hughes’ poems present the past and present of the African Americans in America by analysing the poems prescribed.
4. Examine Willy Loman’s character in *Death of a Salesman* as a modern tragic hero who was a victim of his situation.
5. Write a note on Transcendentalism in America with special reference to the contribution of its chief exponents.

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