**TU/CDOE**

**TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**

**SEMESTER END EXAMINATION (SPRING 2023)**

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

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

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks for the individual question.*

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1. Answer **any five** of the following questions briefly: 2x5=10
2. Name two nineteenth century American novelists.
3. Who is the author of *The Leaves of Grass*? In which year was it published?
4. When did the American civil war take place? What was the main cause?
5. Name two important American poets from the twentieth century.
6. Mention the names of Langston Hughes’ autobiographies.
7. Name two of Arthur Miller’s plays.
8. Write short note on **any four** of the following within **100 words**:

4x5=20

1. Transcendentalism
2. Hester Prynne
3. Significance of the title, *The Sound and the Fury*
4. Stream of Consciousness technique
5. The American Dream
6. Answer **any four** of the following: 10x4=40
7. Give an assessment of the traits of the American scholar as discussed by Emerson in his essay “The American Scholar”.
8. Can Faulkner’s novel *The Sound and the Fury* be read as a tragedy based in the postbellum American south? Elaborate.
9. Give an analysis of the position of women in the seventeenth- century America as reflected in *The Scarlet Letter*.
10. Critically examine the poetic voice in Whitman’s “Song of Myself” as the voice of America.
11. Discuss the major American poets prescribed in your course.
12. How does Arthur Miller discuss the degradation of values in the American society?

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