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(6th Semester)

ENGLISH

(Honours)

Paper : Eng (H)–606 (a)

[American Literature (Fiction and Drama)]

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 45%

Time : 3 hours

The questions are of equal value

1. (a) Trace the development of American fiction citing landmark novels and important writers.

Or

- (b) Explain in detail the key themes addressed by American literature.

2. (a) Morrison's *The Bluest Eye* depicts Afro-American women facing double marginalization. Explain.

Or

- (b) Elaborate on the significance of the 'Dick and Jane' quotes and references in Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*.

3. (a) Examine Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms* as a realist novel.

Or

- (b) Evaluate the ending of Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*.

4. (a) Miller's *Death of a Salesman* illustrates the failure of the American dream. Elucidate.

Or

- (b) Explain the element of consumerism in American society of the late 1940s as depicted in Miller's *Death of a Salesman*.

5. (a) O'Neill's *The Hairy Ape* documents the struggles of the working class living in an industrial America. Discuss.

Or

- (b) One of the main themes of O'Neill's *The Hairy Ape* is the identity crisis that Yank goes through. Elaborate.
