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**TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**

**SEMESTER END EXAMINATION (AUTUMN) 2024**

**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 the following questions (not more than two sentences)

4x2 =8

1. What do you understand by the term “Great American Novel”? Give one example.
2. **Mention two qualities of American Scholar**
3. The title *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner is taken from one of Shakespeare’s tragedies? Which is it? Who utters these words in the drama?
4. What is the meaning of the ‘scarlet letter’ that Hester Prynne wears in her forehead in the novel *The Scarlet Letter*?

2. Write briefly on **any three** of the following in not more than 100

words. 3x5=15

1. The Frontier myth of America
2. Role of Nature in ‘American Scholar’
3. ‘New England’ in Frost’s poetry
4. The character of Hester Prynne

3. How does Emerson dream of a culturally independent America

in his essay ‘The American Scholar’? 10

4. (a)What is ‘stream of consciousness’? Discuss William Faulkner’s *The Sound and the Fury* as a stream of consciousness novel? 15

***or***

(b)What idea of American South do you find from *The Sound and the Fury*? How does Faulkner draw a parallel between the fall of the Compson family and that of the Old South in novel?

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5.(a) Critically analyse the major thematic concerns of Emily Dickinson’s poetry taking reference from the prescribed poems. 10

***or***

(b) How does Langston Hughes’ poems reflect the nonacceptance of the African Americans in America? Critically substantiate with examples from the poems prescribed for your study.

6. Discuss *Death of a Salesman* as a modern tragedy. How do you

differentiate the character of Willy Lowman from any tragic

character of Shakespeare? 12

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