

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION —  
JANUARY, 2015.**

**First Year**

**English**

**AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 75

- I. Answer any THREE of the following in about 50 words. (3 × 5 = 15)
1. Write a short note on the American Revolution.
  2. Comment on the life and poetry of Walt Whitman.
  3. Why was Robert Frost called as 'Country Poet'— Give reasons.
  4. Give a short note on Eugene O' Neil.
  5. Explain the concept of transcendentalism?

- II. Answer any THREE of the following in about 150 words each.  $(3 \times 10 = 30)$
6. Write an appreciation of "O captain! My Captain!"
  7. How does Lowell describe the decay of New England civilization in "Skunk wbur"?
  8. Comment on Engene O Neill's exploitation of the expressionist technique in his plays.
  9. Consider Who is Afraid of Virginia Woolf as an absurd drama?
  10. Sketch the character of Cecile in The Colour Purple.
- III. Answer any TWO of the following in about 300 words each.  $(2 \times 15 = 30)$
11. Discuss the theme of Frost's "Home Burial".
  12. The struggle between the individual and the group is the central theme in the novel The Age of Innocence – Discuss.
  13. Bring out the autobiographical element in the play "The Glass Menagerie"?