## M. A. (Final) Examination, 2001 ENGLISH Paper — IV (1)

# American Literature

Time 3 Hours

Maximum Marks 100

Attempt **five** questions in all, Choosing at least **one** question from each section. **Q. No. 1** is compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1- Explain with reference to the context, any three of the following extracts, adding critical comments where necessary
  - (i) It is not upon you alone the dark patches fall, The dark threw its patches upon me also, he best I had done seem'd to be blank and suspicious. My great thoughts as I supposed Them, were they not in reality meager?
  - (ii) They themselves were fully at rest, they suffer'd not, The living remain'd and suffer'd, the mother suffer'd, And the wife and the child and the musing comrade suffer'd, And the armies that remain'd suffer'd.
  - (iii) And from what I've heard, it ain't 'ealthy for a black to kill a white man in the States. They burn them in oil, Don't they?
  - (iv) Since then 'tis centuries; but each Feels shorter than the day
     I first surmised the horses' heads
     Were toward eternity.
  - (v) The gaps I meanNo one has seen tern made or heard them made,But at spring mending time we find them there.
  - (vi) My little horse must think it queer To stop without a farmhouse near Between the woods and frozen lake The darkest evening of the ear.

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#### **SECTION - A**

- 2. Discuss the influences that shape the mind of 'The American Scholar'.
- 3. What philosophy does Thoreau's essay! 'Where I lived, and what I lived for' propagate?

#### **SECTION - B**

- 4. Despite his own rational arrogance, Brutus Jones carries within himself the. seeds of his own disintegration. Discuss.
- 5. Would you call "the Death of a Salesman" a tragedy? How representative it is of an average American ?

#### **SECTION - C**

- 6. Crossing Brooklyn Ferry is a meditation on human situation. Discuss.
- 7. Birches begins in delight and ends in wisdom. Do you agree?
- 8. In 'Because I could not stop for Death' the idea of immortality is confronted with the fact of physical disintegration. Discuss.

### SECTION - D

- 9 The Aventures of Huckleberry Finn is a critique of the values of St. Petersburg society. Discuss.
- 10. Write a critical note on the significance of the three Scaffold scenes.
- 11. Justify the title of A Farewell to Arms'.