

Ba/Eng (H)-606 (A)

2016

(6th Semester)

ENGLISH

(Honours)

Paper No. : 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. Write an essay on naturalism and realism in the modern American novel.
2. (a) Discuss the devastating effects of racism as reflected in *The Bluest Eye*.

Or

- (b) "Morrison's novel forces us to confront our own ideas of what counts as beautiful." Elucidate.

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3. (a) Evaluate *A Farewell to Arms* as a tragedy.

Or

(b) Explore the significance of the title, *A Farewell to Arms*.

4. (a) Justify the theme of alienation in *The Hairy Ape*.

Or

(b) Comment on O'Neill's use of expressionistic techniques in *The Hairy Ape*.

5. (a) "Willy's blind faith in his version of the American dream leads to his rapid psychological decline." Discuss.

Or

(b) Describe how Miller has used the technique of juxtaposing the past and the present in *Death of a Salesman*.

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