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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) Realism is an outstanding characteristic of American fiction of the 19th century. Discuss.

Or

- (b) Write an essay on the rise of American drama in the 20th century.
2. (a) Physical beauty is a key theme in Toni Morrison's *The Bluest Eye*. Discuss.

Or

(b) How does Toni Morrison bring out the relationship between racism and sexual violence in *The Bluest Eye*?

3. (a) Comment on the aptness of the title, *A Farewell to Arms*.

Or

(b) Violence and death are two major themes in *A Farewell to Arms*. Explain.

4. (a) *Death of a Salesman* is one of the foundational texts describing the American dream. How does Willy Loman represent a fundamental element of the dream?

Or

(b) Discuss on the role of Lydia in *Death of a Salesman*.

5. (a) Comment on the theme of alienation in *The Hairy Ape*.

Or

(b) Discuss *The Hairy Ape* as an expressionistic play.
