

**School of Liberal Education****Bachelor of Arts Honours in English  
Semester End Examination - Jun 2024****Duration : 180 Minutes  
Max Marks : 100****Sem IV - K1UC404T - American Literature**General Instructions*Answer to the specific question asked**Draw neat, labelled diagrams wherever necessary**Approved data hand books are allowed subject to verification by the Invigilator*

- 1) What is the role of Benjamin Harris in the history of America? K1(2)
- 2) Explain the relevance of studying American literature. K2(4)
- 3) Relate the ways in which race came into play during the initial phases of settlement in America. K2(6)
- 4) Apply post-colonial perspective to analyze the following lines by Hernan Cortes: "First there is wonder and admiration: the city of Tenochtitlan (Modern Mexico City)...each kind of merchandise is sold in its own street...by number and size. The temple whose great size and magnificence no human tongue could describe...The most important of these idols, and the ones in whom they have the most faith, I had taken from their places and thrown down the steps...and I had images of Our Lady and of other saints put there, which causes Mutezuma and the other natives some sorrow." K3(9)
- 5) Select any three texts from your syllabus and develop the idea of post-colonial literature K3(9)
- 6) Explain Huck's journey towards independence and self-discovery, analyzing the events and experiences that shape his character. K5(10)
- 7) Examine how "Leaves of Grass" was received by contemporary audiences and critics. Discuss some of the key reactions to Whitman's work and the controversies surrounding it. K4(12)
- 8) Assess the contribution of Civil Rights Movement. K5(15)
- 9) Discuss the symbolism of the ship in "The Hairy Ape." How does it serve as a metaphor for society and class struggle? K5(15)
- 10) Elaborate on the major themes of Thoreau's Civil Disobedience. K6(18)