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**MAE-4/
MEG-14**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION —
JANUARY, 2009.**

First Year

English

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Time : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 75

**I. Attempt any THREE of the following questions in
about 50 words each: (3 × 5 = 15)**

- 1. What does the Skunk stand for?**
- 2. Write a note on the symbolism in O Captain! My Captain!**
- 3. Though 'Birches' starts on a playful note, it ends in wisdom. Explain.**
- 4. Mention the names of great leaders who were, inspired by Thoreau's 'Civil Disobedience'.**
- 5. Consider 'The Color Purple' as a metaphor.**

II. Attempt any THREE of the following questions in about 150 words each : (3 × 10 = 30)

6. What is the major flaw of Mary Tyrone?
7. Consider 'The American Scholar' as an intellectual declaration of independence.
8. Why does Newland Archer look at his wife May as the living embodiment of New York society?
9. Sketch the character of Rosicky.
10. How does Auguste Dupin solve the mystery of the murder?

III. Attempt any TWO of the following questions in about 300 words each: (2 × 15 = 30)

11. How does Alice Walker depict the male characters in 'The Color Purple'?
12. Consider 'The Glass Menagerie' as a memory play.
13. How does Frost point out the communication gap between the husband and wife in "Home Burial"?