# Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University

## MA 4th Sem. Examination, 2016

## Subject : English

## Paper : American Literature

*Time:3 hrs* *Full marks : 80*

1. Answer any five questions from the following. 2×5=10
(each within 50 words)

   a Why was the literary output of the early settlers in New England scanty?

   b Mention some of the inventions made by Benjamin Franklin.

   c What were the two nick names given to Billy Budd?

   d Distinguish between the Loyalists and the Republicans.

   e Which work by Walt Whitman is considered his magnum opus? When was it published?

   f What were the names of the newspaper and the magazine in which Hamingway's works were published when he was in school?

2. Answer any three questions from the following. 4×3=12
(each within 150 words)

   a Discuss some features of Whitman's poetry.

   b Comment on the significance of sea imagery in the novel *Old Man and the Sea.*

   c Do you think Emerson's ideas influenced his contemporaries? If so, how?

   d Discuss *Desire Under the Elms* as the 'Tragedy of the common man'.