

BA GENERAL SEMESTER FIVE

Semester	5 (B.A. Humanities and Social Sciences)
Paper Number	
Paper Code	C3BG230511T
Paper Title	American Literature
No. of Credits	4
Theory/Composite	Theory
No. of Periods Assigned	4
Name of Faculty Member	NC/SM
Course Description	The course has been designed keeping in mind the diversity of the American literary scene – with different literary and cultural movements.
Course Objective	1. The course aims to introduce different literary and cultural movements that are part of American literature 2. It also aims to acquaint students with the socio-cultural, economic, ecological dimensions that have had a pronounced impact upon the literature of an age
Course Outcome	1. Students will be able to analyze literary texts with an insight into gender, race and national identity 2. Students will be able to investigate how the texts are the products of an age and critically engage with them to uncover history 3. Students will engage in critical thinking about the regional and the national politics of identity.
Syllabus	Module I: Novel (any 1 to be taught- 2 classes) Mark Twain- <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> Harper Lee – <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> S.E. Hinton – <i>The Outsiders</i> Module II: Short Story (any 4 to be taught- 2 classes) O’ Henry- <i>After Twenty Years</i> Ernest Hemmingway- <i>Snows of Kilimanjaro/ Killers</i> Kate Chopin- <i>The Story of an Hour</i> Isaac Asimov- <i>Living Space</i> Shirley Jackson – <i>The Possibility of Evil</i> Flannery O’Connor – <i>A Good Man is Hard to Find</i> Alice Walker – <i>The Flowers</i> (The selection of texts offered in each module may be altered by the course instructors)
Reading List	To be provided by the course instructors
Evaluation	CIA: 30 marks Evaluation: 25 marks (20 Marks examination+ 5 Marks Assignment/Submission) Attendance: 5 Marks End Semester: 70 Marks Module I 1x20 = 20 (1 long essay type question out of 3 choices) 2x5 = 10 (2 short type questions out of 4 choices) Module II 2 x 15 = 30 (2 essay type questions out of 4 choices) 2 x 5 = 10 (2 short type questions out of 4 choices)