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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION (ARTS)

LITT 325: AMERICAN LITERATURE

STREAMS: B. ED (ARTS)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE:

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.
- Do not write on the Question Paper.

**QUESTION ONE**

- (a) Briefly explain your understanding of the Puritans and the Pilgrims in relation to American literature. [4 Marks]
- (b) What is American Colonial literature and how does it differ from Resistance literature? [4 Marks]
- (c) In reference to poetry of Anne Bradstreet, explain any three themes tackled by this poet. [6 Marks]
- (d) Man's relationship with God was Edward Taylor's main preoccupation. Explain in reference to any two of his poems. [6 Marks]
- (e) What is Transcendentalism and how does Ralph Waldo Emerson appropriate this literary concept on any two of his poems. [6 Marks]
- (f) Explain the views espoused by Modernism as a literary movement. [4 Marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

Discuss five issues brought out in James Fenimore Cooper's short story *The Lake Gun*.

[20 Marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

Explain why Edgar Alan Poe is described as a Romantic poet.

[20 Marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tam's Cabin* is a novel about the untenable practice of slavery. Discuss.

[20 Marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

Show how John Steinbeck demonstrates the insurmountable conditions facing the under privileged in his novella *The Pearl*.

[20 Marks]

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