

St Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bangalore  
 Mid-Semester Test - August 2016  
 MA (English) - III Semester  
 EN DE 9416 American Literature I

Time: 90 minutes.

Marks: 35

**SECTION-A**

Answer any ONE of the following:

(1x10=10)

1. Discuss any two features you encountered in your study of the socio-cultural ethos of the United States that has clear parallels with India.
2. In what way can it be said that America has exerted and still exerts considerable influence on India?

**SECTION-B**

Answer any TWO of the following:

(2x10=20)

3. If most 18<sup>th</sup> Century white Americans had shared Benjamin Franklin's perspective on the Native Americans, how would later history have unfolded for the latter? Extrapolate with reference to Franklin's essay.
4. Discuss any two important themes that you found insightful in your reading of Leslie Marmon Silko's 'Border Patrol State'.
5. Does Zitkala-sa convincingly demonstrate that the 'pagan' worldview is more suitable for Native Americans than European Christianity? Discuss with illustrations from her essay.

**SECTION-C**

Write a short note on any ONE of the following:

(1x5= 5)

6. Tecumseh as resistance hero
7. The politics of religion in the Native-European encounter

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