

International Islamic University Chittagong
Department of English Language & Literature
Final Examination Autumn: 2018
Course code: **ENG- 3623** Course title : **American Novels**
Total Marks: **50** Time: **2:30 hours**

[Answer question no. **1 and three** others at least taking one question from each text. Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.]

1. Locate and explain the following. (**any four**) 5x4=20
- (a) "All right...I'm glad it's a girl. And I hope she'll be a fool – that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool..."
 - (b) "And I like large parties. They're so intimate. At small parties there isn't any privacy".
 - (c) Perhaps I am, but I have a – almost second sight, sometimes that tells me what to do. Maybe you don't believe that, but science –
 - (d) What business have I with this pipe? This thing that is meant for serenity, to send up mild white vapors among mild white hairs, not among torn iron-grey locks like mine. I'll smoke no more.
 - (e) "Talk not to me of blasphemy, man; I'd strike the sun if it insulted me."
 - (f) It can't last forever, thank God, and his Ramadan only comes once a year; and I don't believe it's very punctual then.
2. What is American Dream? Does Gatsby represent the American Dream in *The Great Gatsby* by Fitzgerald? Justify. 10
3. How is the Roaring Twenties of America portrayed by Fitzgerald in *The Great Gatsby*? Discuss. 10
4. Comment on some of the most important symbols used in *The Great Gatsby*. 10
5. Evaluate the character of Captain Ahab as delineated by Melville in *Moby Dick*. 10
6. Examine the characteristics of the Knights and the squires in *Moby Dick*. 10
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