

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



M.A.DEGREE EXAMINATION –ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2019

EL 4818– AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date: 03-04-2019
Time: 09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

I Answer any FOUR of the following in about 200 words each: (4x10=40)

1. Evaluate the desire expressed by Langston Hughes in the poem *Democracy*.
2. Critically analyze the poem *Stopping by Woodsona Snowy Evening*.
3. Consider *Snows of Kilimanjaro* as an autobiography.
4. *Where I Lived and What I Lived For* is an illustration of an ideal mode of life. Discuss.
5. Comment on the role of Nick and Honey in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
6. Discuss the theme in *The Revelation*.
7. Comment on the conflict between the couple in *Temporary Matter*.
8. Bring out the importance of the letters in *The Colour Purple*

II Answer any THREE of the following in about 200 words each: (3x20=60)

9. 'The women characters portrayal in American Literature is a result of the author's personal experience and societal stereotype.' Discuss with reference to the texts prescribed in the syllabus.
10. Examine aspects of forgiveness and reconciliation in *The Descendants*.
11. Discuss the realism and confessional mode of Robert Lowell in his poems.
12. How does Harper Lee explore the irrationality of adult attitude to race and class in *To Kill a Mocking Bird*.
13. The theme of *The Sound and the Fury* is the relation between the act and man's apprehension of the act, between the event and the interpretation- Discuss.
14. The American Country and its present and the past is beautifully revealed in the poem *For the Union Dead*. Explain.
