

**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**



**B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE**

**THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2017**

**EL 3502 – AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Date: 04-11-2017

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

**SECTION A**

**Answer the following in about 30 words each:**

**(10x2=20)**

1. What was the theme of the Mayflower Compact?
2. Who drew Wheatley's portrait which appeared in her book of poems?
3. Explain the reference to "red slayer" in Emerson's Brahma.
4. How does Walt Whitman deal with his helplessness and inability to address society's ills?
5. Why is Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* called as a memory play?
6. How did Paine's writings bolster the morale of the American colonists?
7. Why does Stevens say that "Poetry is a Destructive Force."
8. What is the theme of Frost's *The Road Not Taken*?
9. Explain the significance of the title of Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*.
10. Comment on Marianne Moore's views on Poetry.

**SECTION B**

**Answer any FIVE of the following in about 150 words each:**

**(5x8=40)**

11. What according to Edward Taylor is the joy of Church fellowship?
12. Where did Jefferson get his ideas for the Declaration and what are the major points discussed in it?
13. Attempt a critical appreciation of Poe's *The Raven*.
14. Describe how Carl Sandburg depicts Chicago in his poem?
15. What was Cotton Mather's views about the Salem witchcraft trials?
16. Analyze the merits of Stephen Crane's short story *The Open Boat*.
17. Discuss Albee's *The Zoo Story* as an Absurd Play.
18. 'Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men* is a parable about what it means to be human.' Discuss.

**SECTION C**

**Answer the following in about 300 words each:**

**(2x20=40)**

19. Analyze the Transcendental elements in Emerson's works prescribed for study.

**OR**

Discuss the various themes in Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*.

20. List the major themes present in American poetry.

**OR**

What are the salient features of Poe's *Philosophy of Composition*?

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