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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2019

PEL 1503 – AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date: 05-11-2019

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

PART – A

I. **Answer any FIVE of the following in about 200 words each:** (5x8=40 marks)

1. Explain the character 'beloved' in the novel as portrayed by Toni Morrison.
2. Analyse the significance of the character Harold Mitch in "A Street Car named Desire".
3. Justify the title "The piano lesson" as portrayed by August Wilson.
4. Elucidate the importance of the character Arthur "Boo" Radley in "To kill the Mocking Bird".
5. Comment on the relevance of the title: Mending Wall.
6. How does Allen Ginsberg express his admiration for Walt Whitman?
7. Explain the compassion of Robert Lowell for the dead soldiers.
8. What does Langston Hughes mean by the term 'Democracy'?

PART – B

II. **Answer the following in about 400 words each:** (3x20=60 marks)

9. Explain in detail the importance of scenes in the drama "A Street Car Named Desire".

(OR)

Explain symbolism and themes in "The Chrysanthemums".

10. Explain the sense of horror in "Fall of the House of Usher".

(OR)

Discuss Marianne Moore's Poetry as an instruction for writing a poem.

11. Bring out Thoreau's affinity with Nature.

(OR)

A city life is just an imitation of a foolish life style of a senseless crowd. Discuss this view with reference to Where I lived and what I lived for.

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