



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2014

EL 4818 - AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date : 27/03/2014
Time : 01:00-04:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

SECTION A

I Answer any FIVE of the following in about 300 words each: (5x8=40 marks)

1. Do you see a cynicism in Anne Sexton's view of suicide as self-affirmation?
2. Comment on the role of Nick and Honey in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
3. Discuss the theme in *The Revelation*.
4. Comment on the conflict between the couple in *Temporary Matter*.
5. Evaluate the desire expressed by Langston Hughes in the poem *Democracy*.
6. Critically analyze the poem *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*.
7. Consider *Snows of Kilimanjaro* as an autobiography.
8. *Where I Lived and What I Lived for* is an illustration of an ideal mode of life. Discuss.

SECTION B

II Answer the following in about 500 words each: (3x20=60 marks)

9. Bring out the importance of the letters in *The Colour Purple*.

Or

Examine aspects of forgiveness and reconciliation in *The Descendants*.

10. How does Henry James refute the ideas of Sir Walter Besant on art and artist in his *Art of Fiction?*

Or

Discuss the realism and confessional mode of Robert Lowell in his poems.

11. How does Harper Lee explore the irrationality of adult attitude to race and class in

To Kill a Mocking Bird.

Or

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.
