



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

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

**THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2016**

**EL 3500 – AMERICAN LITERATURE**

**[UPTO 11- BATCH]**

Date: 28-04-2016

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00-12:00

**PART – A**

**I. Answer the following in about 50 words each.**

**(10×2 =20 marks)**

1. How is Frost a major advocate of reality as seen in his poetry?
2. Write a note on Emerson's philosophy of life as expressed in his works.
3. Bring out the symbolism in Wallace Steven's poetry.
4. Show how Taylor was a thorough going Calvinist. Elaborate.
5. Comment on Paine's patriotic nature in *The American Crisis*.
6. Discuss Amanda's character in *The Glass Menagerie*.
7. How does Levertov establish a sense of camaraderie between the reader and the animals?
8. Why was Plymouth Bay chosen as a settlement site?
9. What is Poe's purpose in publishing *The Philosophy of Composition*?
10. Bring out the elements of modernity in Marianne Moore's poetry.

**PART – B**

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

**(5×8 =40 marks)**

11. Bring out clearly the distinctive qualities of Sandburg as a poet of Urban life.
12. What are some of the themes of *The Raven*?
13. How does Levertov enable the reader to see life through a simple perspective?
14. Do you think Mather is an unbiased historian? Argue.
15. How does Willy's home function as a metaphor for his ambitions?
16. What role do animals play in *The Zoo Story*?
17. Poe's short story abounds in ironies. Substantiate.
18. What is the major theme in "The Minister's Black Veil"?

**PART – C**

**III. Answer the following in about 400 words each:**

**(2×20 =40 marks)**

19. How does American literature create conceptions of the American experience and American identity?

**(OR)**

20. Is Tom integral to the play *The Glass Menagerie*? Give reasons.
21. Willy and Biff have different explanations for Biff's failure to succeed in the business world. How are their explanations different?

**(OR)**

22. Discuss the relationship between George and Lennie.

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