



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2016

EL 4818 - AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date: 15-04-2016
Time: 09:00-12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

SECTION A

Answer any five of the following in about 200 words each

(5x8=40 marks)

1. Do you agree that Anne Sexton's poem "Wanting to Die" reflects the failure of the American Dream?
2. Show how Flannery O' Connor's short story highlights the contradiction of the American South.
3. What, according to Henry James is the importance of experience in the creative process?
4. Do you agree that Nick has a greater chance of success in the politics of survival mat the University?
5. Consider Boo Radley as a mockingbird.
6. Critically analyse the poem "Stopping by the woods on a Snowy Evening."
7. Evaluate the significance of the title "A Temporary Matter."
8. Estimate the character of Stanley in " A Streetcar Named Desire."

SECTION B

Answer the following in about 400 words each

(3x20 = 60 marks)

9. Show how "The Descendants" for all its tragic events still reflects hope.
Or
Bring out aspects of Gothic terror in "The Fall of the House of Usher."
10. Do you agree that Shug and Celie complement and bring out the best in each other?
Or
How does Faulkner present the degeneration of the Compson family in "The Sound and the Fury?"
11. Harper Lee explores the irrationality of adult attitudes on race and class in "To Kill a Mockingbird." Substantiate.
Or
Critically analyse the decline of the American Dream in "A Streetcar Named Desire."
