



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2017

EL 3502 - AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date: 02-05-2017
Time: 09:00-12:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART – A

I. Answer the following in about 50 words each. (10×2 =20 marks)

1. Comment on Frost's idea of decision making.
2. What is Emerson's concept of 'oversoul'.
3. Justify the title "Poetry is the Destructive Force".
4. Is Taylor a thorough going Calvinist. Argue..
5. What philosophy of Paine is inscribed in *The American Crisis*?
6. Attempt a critical analysis of the Wingfield family.
7. How does Levertov view animals in her poem?
8. Review the basic tenets of 'The Mayflower Compact'?
9. Marianne Moore is characterized by linguistic precision and style in her poetry. Substantiate.
10. What logical method is important considerations for good writing according to Poe?

PART – B

II. Answer any FIVE of the following in about 150 words each. (5×8 =40 marks)

11. Sandburg is known for his urban poetry. Explain.
12. What is the theme of *The Raven*?
13. Comment on the stylistic devices employed by Levertov.
14. Critically examine Cotton Mather's influence on early New England.
15. How does Miller depict conflict in *Death of a Salesman* .
16. Bring out the theme of loneliness in *The Zoo story*
17. Evaluate Poe as a short story writer.
18. "The Minister's Black Veil" represents the 18th century Puritanism. Elucidate.

PART – C

III. Answer the following in about 400 words each. (2×20 =40 marks)

19) a) Poetry in New England has had an enduring influence on American literature. Do you agree. Discuss?

OR

b) Write an essay on Amanda's strengths and weakness.

20) a) Willy Loman has a warped vision of the American Dream. Discuss.

OR

b) The friendship that George and Lennie share forms the core of Steinbeck's novella. Explain.
