

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2018

EL 3502– AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date: 05-05-2018
Time: 01:00-04:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

SECTION – A

Answer the following in about 30 words each:

(10x2=20)

1. When was the Mayflower Compact signed? What events forced the passengers on the Mayflower to write and sign the Mayflower Compact?
2. “Lord make me ready for that day
Then come dear bridegroom Come away.” What is the day that Anne Bradstreet is referring to?
3. How does Thomas Paine praise George Washington?
4. Explain: “Far or forgot to me is near;
Shadow and sunlight are the some;
The vanished gods to me appear;
And one to me are shame and fame.”
5. Who are the “half poets?” What is Marianne Moore’s complaint against them?
6. Explain: “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.”
7. Explain the metaphorical implications of “I observe a famine at sea.”
8. Explain “I give you truth in the pleasant disguise of illusion.”
9. Explain the symbolism in “The lion sleeps in the sun.
Its nose is on its paws.
It can kill a man.”
10. Critically comment on Poe’s remarks concerning ‘Unity of Impression.’

SECTION – B

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

(5x8=40)

11. Critically discuss Cotton Mather's theological arguments in "The Wonders of The Invisible World."
12. Explain the symbolism in "The Joy of Church Fellowship."
13. How reliable or unreliable do you regard the narrator in "The Cask of Amontillado?"
14. Critically comment on the plot structure of "The Open Boat."
15. How is the theme of loneliness expressed in "Of Mice and Men?"
16. Critically examine the aptness of the title "Flowering Judas?"
17. What does Laura's collection of glass animals represent?
18. What is the significance of Grandma's boxes and their wrapping?

SECTION – C

Answer the following in about 300 words each:

(2x20=40)

19. How did Puritanism impact American Literature?

(or)

Critically discuss Emerson's Transcendentalist philosophy as expressed in the poems prescribed for your study.

20. Write an essay depicting Amanda's strengths and weakness. Is she an admirable person or merely a silly, frustrated woman?

(or)

Does Robert Frost deserve the praise that he had received for his poetry? Why or why not?
