

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH

SIXTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2022

16/17/18UEL6MC02 – AMERICAN LITERATURE - II

Date: 18-06-2022

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

Section A

Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about 100 words each: (4x5=20)

1. Why do you think Alice Walker titled the story 'Everyday Use'?
2. Explain two postmodernist elements in 'The Marriage Plot'.
3. Discuss the literary devices used in the poem *To the Diaspora*.
4. Explain the technique used by Li young Lee in the poem *The Gift* to connect the past and the present.
5. Sketch the character of Momma.
6. How is the poem *Phenomenal Woman* a source of inspiration to all women?

Section B

Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about 200 words each: (4x10=40)

7. Discuss the socio-political context of the play 'A Raisin in the Sun'.
8. Justify the title 'I know why the Caged Bird Sings'.
9. Write an essay on the narrative style of 'The Bluest Eye'.
10. Explain the literary elements and imagery in the poem *The Skunk Hour*.
11. Write an essay on the confessional poets and their works prescribed in the syllabus.
12. Discuss the theme and motif of the poem *The Unbeliever*.

Section C

Answer any **TWO** of the following in about 400 words each : (2x20=40)

13. With reference to Barack Obama's presidential victory speech 'Yes We Can', discuss the rhetorical techniques and literary strategies used in it as well as the impact it has on you as a reader.

14. Write an essay on the themes of racism and gender discrimination with reference to the prescribed plays, fiction and non-fiction in the syllabus.
15. 'The Marriage Plot' offers an exploration of mental illness, failed romance and one man's battle with religious faith. Justify the statement with reference to Jeffrey Eugenides' fiction.
16. Pecola is a victim of her own family and society in 'The Bluest Eye'. Substantiate.

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