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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH SEMESTER – JUNE 2015

EL 4818 - AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date : 02/07/2015
Time : 10:00-01:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

SECTION A

Answer any five of the following in about 200 word each (5x8=40 marks)

1. Why does Matt King despair about the women in his life?
2. Comment on the comparisons between carpenters and suicide addicts in Anne Sexton's poem.
3. What is Henry James's response to "a novel is a novel, as a pudding is a pudding"
4. Do you agree atmosphere and ambience s the most appealing aspect of *Fall of the House of Usher*.
5. Consider Atticus Finch as a mockingbird.
6. How does Langston Hughes desire for human right and dignity in his poems *Democracy* and *Cross*
7. Estimate Dilse as a mother figure.
8. Analyse the significance of the title *A Temporary Matter*.

SECTION B

Answer the following in about 400 words (3x20=60 marks)

9. Show how Shug Avery plays a vital role in helping Celie come to her own

Or

Show how setting enhances thematic concerns in Flannery O Connor's short story.

10. Bring out the conflict in the Nick-Honey relationship in *Who's afraid of Virginia Woolf*.

Or

To kill a mocking bird is a one man's struggle for justice against race and class. Discuss.

11. How does Faulkner present degeneration of Compson family in *The Sound and the Fury*?

Or

Discuss the decline of American dream in *A Street Car Named Desire*.
