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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2016

16PEL1MC03 - AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date: 07-11-2016
Time: 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

PART A

Answer any five of the following in about 200 words each

(5x8=40 marks)

1. Show how the impersonal setting of the doctor's waiting room showcases the social tensions in "The Revelation"
2. Bring out the pathos in "The Crysanthemums"
3. Critically analyse aspects of beat poetry in the poems of Allen Ginsberg
4. Discuss the importance of the games children play in "To Kill a Mockingbird"
5. Discuss the exploitation and male domination in the play "A Streetcar named desire"
6. Comment on the title " Mending Wall"
7. Explain the image of symbols and images in the poem "For the Union dead".
8. How does August Wilson show the significance of ancestors in the play The Piano Lesson?

PART B

Answer the following in about 400 words each

(3x20=60 marks)

9. Examine aspects of gothic literature in "Fall of the House of Usher"

Or

Elaborate on the theme of racism in "If Beale Street Could Talk"

10. Show how the conflict between Fay and Laurel reflects opposite views on family relationships

Or

"Mending Wall" is a fine reflection of the modern society. Discuss.

11. Attempt a critical analysis of the poem "For the Union Dead".

Or

"I am the monarch of all I survey". Comment on Thoreau's love for Nature from the quote.
