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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FIRST SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2017

17PEL1MC03 – AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date: 08-11-2017

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

SECTION A

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

1. Why does “Boo” Radley leave gifts for the children?
2. To what extent is Stanley Kowalski responsible for the collapse of Blanche Dubois?
3. Bring out the importance of the setting in “Fall of the House of Usher.”
4. Comment on the vision that Miss Turpin has in “Revelation.”
5. Explain the historical reference in the poem “For the union dead”
6. What is the duty of a critic with reference to an art?
7. Write on the significance of the title: “Mending Wall”.
8. Does the poem “Poetry” inspire you to write? How do you react?

SECTION B

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

9. Do you agree that the conflict between Laurel and Fay in “The Optimist’s Daughter” highlights how familial love is perceived and experienced? Elaborate.

Or

Write a note on the character of Atticus.

10. Comment on the symbolism in “The Chrysanthemums.”

Or.

The American Country and its present and the past is beautifully revealed in the poem “For the union dead”. Explain.

11. ‘To live with Nature’ is a direct source of bliss and blessing. Substantiate this view with reference to Thoreau’s “Where I lived and What I lived For”.

Or

With your understanding of the poem “Poetry”, attempt composing a short poem with your choice of a genuine topic.
