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M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE

FOURTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2016

EL 4818 – AMERICAN LITERATURE

Date: 10-11-2016

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00-04:00

PART A

Answer any five of the following in about 200 words each:

(5x8=40 marks)

1. Comment on the representation of death in the poetry of Emily Dickinson.
2. What, according to Henry James, is the importance of experience in the art of fiction?
3. Show how Mrs. Turpin learns her lesson in tolerance.
4. Bring out the sense of melancholy in “Fall of the House of Usher.”
5. Consider Scout Finch as a Mocking Bird.
6. Estimate Jason Compson as a hardcore villain.
7. Critically analyse Thoreau’s ideas of living in What I Lived For.
8. Comment on Langston Hughes’ desire for human right and dignity in his poems “Democracy” and “Cross”.

PART B

Answer the following in about 400 words each:

(3x20=60 marks)

9. Comment on Color Purple as feminist text.

Or

What are the circumstances that influence Matt’s decision not to sell the land?

10. Why is Martha disappointed with her husband George in “Who’s afraid of Virginia Woolf?”

Or

Mr. Quentin’s concern for moral purity and his horror of stain led to his death- Substantiate.

11. “To kill a Mocking Bird” deals with children’s reaction to adult attitude to race and class-Discuss.

Or

Critically analyze the decline of American dream in “A Street Car Named Desire”.
