



**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**

**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – ENGLISH LITERATURE**

FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2017

**16PEL1MC03 - AMERICAN LITERATURE**

Date: 04-05-2017  
Time: 09:00-12:00

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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 Mrs Turpin finally receives grace in “The Revelation”
2. Examine aspects of feminism in “The Chrysanthemums”
3. Why does the lawyer in “If Beale Street Could Talk” say that it will be very difficult to get Fonny out on bail?
4. What is the thematic significance of the incident of the trapped bird in “The Optimist’s Daughter?”
5. Discuss the significance of the title “ For the Dead”
6. Comment on the value of art as expressed in “The Piano Lesson”.
7. Compare and Contrast the two female characters in “A Street Car Named Desire”.
8. Attempt a psychological study of the poem “ Mending Wall”

**PART B**

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

9. Do you think African Americans have a fair chance to live the American Dream?  
Answer with reference to “To Kill a Mockingbird.”

Or

Do you agree that “The Snows of Kilimanjaro” is a about the tragedy of a failed writer?

10. Bring out the sense of horror in “Fall of the House of Usher”

Or

What are the merits of Americans as per Irving Babbit.

11. ‘Where I lived and What I lived for’ is a mockery upon the Americans. Elucidate.

Or

Bring out the essence of life from the source of Thoreau’s Nature