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Faculty of Humanities

English - ENGL E 2025

Introduction to American Literature

Answer four (04) questions

No. of questions : 06

Time : 03 Hours

1. Explore the significance of the themes of desire and death in the play *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams.
2. “Ernest Hemingway once said that all American literature began with a novel by Mark Twain named *Huckleberry Finn*.” Discuss the significance of this statement with reference to *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.
3. “Sylvia Plath’s work has been viewed as poetry in which autobiography and fiction are closely intertwined.” Do you agree?
4. “The verbal duel between the couple in Ernest Hemingway’s *Hills like White Elephants* is indicative of their inability to communicate.” Discuss.
5. Do you agree that literature often classified as American literature, consists of themes that are of universal importance and contemporary relevance? Discuss with reference to the work of two literary figures specified in the syllabus.
6. Discuss the portrayal of the theme of conflict in the work of two literary figures specified in the syllabus.