



University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka

*Centre for Distance and Continuing Education*

Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Second Examination (External) – 2015

2021 March - 2022 January

Faculty of Humanities

English

Introduction to American Literature ENGL E – 2025

Answer four (04) questions.

No. of Questions: 06

Time : 03 Hours

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1. Examine the significance of the title of Ernest Hemmingway's *Hills like White Elephants* as resonant of the themes of the short story.
2. "Often, her work is singled out for the intensity of its violent and disturbing imagery". Discuss with reference to Sylvia Plath's poetry.
3. "Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* condemns racism of the pre-Civil War era." Do you agree? Discuss this statement with reference to Twain's novel.
4. Explore the significance of the theme of conflict in Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*.
5. Comment on the thematic concerns of two texts that you have studied for this course, as representing the times in which those literary works were produced.
6. American literature is celebrated for its insightful exploration of different forms of marginalisation, including those of race and gender. Discuss with reference to texts that you have studied for this course.