



**University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka**  
**Centre for Distance and Continuing Education**

**Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Second Examination (External) – 2016**

**December 2022 – March 2023**

**Faculty of Humanities**

**English (New/ Old Syllabus)**

**Introduction to American Literature - ENGL- E 2025**

**Answer any four (04) questions.**

**No. of questions : 06**

**Time : 03 Hours**

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01. Examine the significance of the themes of friendship and solidarity as central to achieving emancipation in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.
02. Do you agree with the view that Earnest Hemingway's *Hills Like White Elephants* is a depiction of complex human relationships? Discuss.
03. "Sylvia Plath challenges the conventions of gender through exploring topics that are intimate and unconventional." Discuss this statement with reference to the poems *Daddy*, *Lady Lazarus* and *The Colossus*.
04. Discuss the ways in which desire influences the decisions and actions of the characters in the play *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams.
05. Do you agree that the disempowerment of women is a significant concern explored in 20<sup>th</sup> century American literature? Discuss while drawing examples from two (02) relevant texts that you have studied.
06. Examine the importance of literature as a powerful art form that explores issues that are socially, politically and culturally relevant to its time with reference to two (02) texts you have studied.