



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

Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Second Examination (External) – 2019

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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

01. “*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain is a landmark text that critiques systematic racism during pre-civil war America.” Do you agree? Discuss this statement with relevant examples from the novel.
02. Examine the theme of choice in *Hills Like White Elephants*, focusing on the two central characters of Jig and the American from Earnest Hemingway’s short story.
03. Discuss the ways Tennessee Williams explores the realities of women in a misogynistic society in the play *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Give relevant examples from the play.
04. “What is remarkable about the poetry of *Sylvia Plath* is that she is not just talking about her own private suffering. Instead, she gives it a general meaning and assumes the suffering of all modern victims.” Examine this statement with reference to **two poems** you have studied for this course.
05. Do you agree that isolation is a theme dominant in 20th-century American literature? Discuss with appropriate examples from **two texts** you have studied for this course.
06. “Literature is a powerful medium that can creatively analyse complex problems critical to human nature.” Examine the validity of this statement with reference to **any two texts** you have studied for this course.
