

# **D.K.M.COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS),VELLORE-1.**

## **AMERICAN LITERATURE**

### **UNIT -I      SECTION-A      5 MARKS**

- 1) What kinds of structures does Whitman use in his poetry? Why might he be using these rather than traditional structures like rhyme?
- 2) What analogy does Dickinson make in this poem?
- 3) How does the author pick the apple from the tree?
- 4) Write a summary of the poem "the Red Wheelbarrow".
- 5) How does the boy express his feelings through the poem cross?
- 6) Bring out the theme of freedom and confinement in the poem "Tulips".
- 7) What is the style used by the author in the poem "Happiness"?
- 8) How does the author figure out the poem through his views?
- 9) How does Henry James view the fiction in his work?
- 10) Sketch the character of Willy Loman.
- 11) Explain how Martha accuses George because of his behavior?
- 12) Why does Emily kill her lover?
- 13) Sketch the character of Young Goodman Brown.
- 14) Explain Steinbeck's use of foreshadowing in "Of Mice and Men".
- 15) Compare and Contrast the protagonist Jake Barnes, and his foil Robert Cohn.
- 16) Write a critical appreciation of the poem "After Apple picking".
- 17) Why did Emily kill Homer Barron? Explain briefly?
- 18) Explain the symbolism in the poem "Happiness".
- 19) Sketch the character of Young Goodman Brown.
- 20) Explain briefly about the poem "Cross"
- 21) How does Dupin find the letter?
- 22) Discuss how the river provides freedom for Huck.
- 23) Discuss how Huck displays several textbook characteristics of the child of an alcoholic.
- 24) How does Twain use satire to expose and criticize human failings?
- 25) Discuss the importance of immigration, culture, and religion to the novel.
- 26) Discuss Bellow's use of doubles in *Herzog*.

- 27) How can characters like George Hoberly and Jonah Herzog be seen as doubles for Moses, and what purpose does this serve in the novel?
- 28) Discuss the portrayal of women in *Herzog*.
- 29) Where does the title 'Slaughterhouse Five' come from? 'Slaughterhouse Five' is also known under another title.
- 30) How does Billy's wife, Valencia, die?

### **SECTION-B**

### **15 Marks questions**

- 31) Critically analyse the poem "Tulips" by Sylvia Plath.
- 32) Write an essay on "Art of Fiction".
- 33) Explain how Dupin found the letter from Minister D's residence?
- 34) What are some of "The Great Gatsby's" most important symbols? What does the novel have to say about the role of symbols in life?
- 35) Discuss O'Neill's use of language in the play "Long day's journey into night".
- 36) Explain the theme of the novel "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf".
- 37) Critically analyse the poem "Tulips" by Sylvia Plath.
- 38) What is the main conflict in the death of a salesman?
- 39) Write an essay analyzing Biff's tendency to steal. What compels him to steal? How do hi Compare and contrast Willy's death with Dave Singleman's death. What does it mean to die "the death of a salesman" and did Willy achieve that?s actions shape his future?
- 40) Write a summary of the poem "success is counted sweetest".
- 41) Write an essay on the poem "After Apple Picking"
- 42) Critically analyse the poem "Tulips" by Sylvia plath.
- 43) Write a summary of the poem "Happiness" by Carl sandburg.
- 44) Write an essay on "Young Goodman Brown"

- 45) How does Emily take revenge for her father's death?
- 46) Explore the character of Nick. How are readers supposed to feel about him?
- 47) Sketch the character of Nick Caraway.
- 48) What does Brett want from Jake and does he go to Brett's aid?
- 49) How does Mike Campbell show his love for Brett?
- 50) Write a summary on the novel "Death of a salesman".