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D.K.M. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), VELLORE – 1

SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

NOVEMBER – 2016 **11CEN5B**

AMERICAN LITERATURE - II

Time: 3 Hrs **Max. Marks: 75**

SECTION – A (10 X 2 =20)

Answer ALL the questions.

1. What does Sandburg call Chicago?
2. How should modern poetry be?
3. Why did the Jews in Germany hate Hitler?
4. How was the life of Jews in Germany?
5. What are Thoreau's aims in life?
6. What is transcendentalism?
7. How is Stella different from her sister Blanche?
8. How is Stanley described in the first scene of the play 'A street car named desire'?
9. What kind of prayer does the old man offer to catch the marlin?
10. What are the weapons used by Santiago against the sharks?

SECTION – B (5 X 5 =25)

Answer any FIVE of the following questions.

11. According to Stevens, how is poetry supposed to adapt to the changing times?
12. Write a note on the people's reaction to Hitler's death.
13. How does Thoreau argue that "he" (man) is the centre of the universe in "Where I lived and what I lived for?".
14. Write a paragraph on Irving Babbit's views on the critic and American life.
15. Write a note on Blanche's birthday party.
16. Describe the part played by Mitch.
17. What is Santiago's attitude to nature?
18. What is the reaction of Manolin when he sees the wounds of Santiago?

SECTION – C (3 X 10 =30)

Answer ALL the questions.

19. a) " Carl Sandburg's 'Chicago' is one of those poems that tries to capture the American experience" – Discuss.

    (Or)

    b) Discuss the central theme of the poem 'The Negro Speaks of Rivers'.

20. a) Discuss Thoreau's love of nature.

    (Or)

    b) Attempt a character sketch of Blanche.

21. a) "Hemingway pits man against the awesome forces of nature in the Old Man and the Sea" - Justify.

    (Or)

    b) Describe how Santiago kills a big Mako shark.

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