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**G. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), KOVILPATTI – 628 502.****PG DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2025.**

(For those admitted in June 2023 and later)

**PROGRAMME AND BRANCH: M.A., ENGLISH**

SEM	CATEGORY	COMPONENT	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE
II	PART - III	CORE - 4	P23EN204	AMERICAN LITERATURE

**Date & Session : 23.04.2025/AN****Time : 3 hours****Maximum: 75 Marks**

Course Outcome	Bloom's K-level	Q. No.	<b>SECTION – A (10 X 1 = 10 Marks)</b> <b>Answer <u>ALL</u> Questions.</b>
CO1	K1	1.	What does the mockingbird's song symbolize in the poem, "out of the cradle endlessly rocking" a) The beauty of nature b) The fleeting nature of life c) The power of music to heal d) The enduring power of love and loss
CO1	K2	2.	What is the significance of the unfinished task of apple-picking? a) It symbolizes the speaker's sense of failure b) It highlights the endless nature of labour c) It represents the fleeting nature of time d) It emphasizes the importance of rest and relaxation
CO2	K1	3.	"Kitchenette Building" symbolizes _____. a) hope and opportunity b) urban decay and social inequality c) family and community d) the American Dream
CO2	K2	4.	What quality does Emerson emphasize as essential for the ideal scholar? a) Conformity b) Obedience to authority c) Self-reliance d) Material success
CO3	K1	5.	What street does Blanche reach by taking the streetcar named Desire in <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> ? a) Bourbon      b) Elysian      c) Royale      d) Belle Reve
CO3	K2	6.	Where did Willy's father go after he abandoned his family? a) Alabama      b) Spain      c) Alaska      d) Las Vegas
CO4	K1	7.	What is the narrator's profession in <i>Bartleby the Scrivener</i> ? a) A lawyer b) A Banker c) A Reporter d) A merchant
CO4	K2	8.	What is the name of the house where Sethe and Denver live in <i>Beloved</i> ? a) Sweet home      b) 124 Bluestone Road      c) The clearing      d) The law house
CO5	K1	9.	Malcolm X's original surname, before adopting "X," was _____. a) Johnson      b) Little      c) Carter      d) Lewis
CO5	K2	10.	The autobiography of Malcolm X was co-written with _____. a) James Baldwin b) Alex Haley c) Langston Hughes d) W.E.B. Du Bois

Course Outcome	Bloom's K-level	Q. No.	<b>SECTION – B (5 X 5 = 25 Marks)</b> <b>Answer <u>ALL</u> Questions choosing either (a) or (b)</b>
CO1	K2	11a.	In "Wanting to Die," does the speaker view death as a form of escape, or is it more of an existential struggle? Elucidate. (OR)
CO1	K2	11b.	Explain how Frost depicts the physical and mental demands of labour in "After Apple-Picking".
CO2	K2	12a.	Describe how Brooks uses sensory imagery to convey the atmosphere of the kitchenette building. (OR)
CO2	K2	12b.	What are the qualities and duties Emerson envisions for the ideal scholar in the American context? Discuss.
CO3	K3	13a.	Identify the significance of desire and its destructive power as portrayed in the play, <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> . (OR)
CO3	K3	13b.	Write about the central conflict in death of a salesman.
CO4	K3	14a.	Analyse the role of Bartleby. (OR)
CO4	K3	14b.	Comment on Toni Morrison's beloved, challenge traditional narratives about slavery.
CO5	K4	15a.	Analyze Malcolm X's critique of systemic racism in America. (OR)
CO5	K4	15b.	What role does community play in <i>Getting Home Alive</i> ? Examine.

Course Outcome	Bloom's K-level	Q. No.	<b>SECTION – C (5 X 8 = 40 Marks)</b> <b>Answer <u>ALL</u> Questions choosing either (a) or (b)</b>
CO1	K4	16a.	Examine how Emily Dickinson addresses the inevitability of death in her poem "The Last Night That She Lived". (OR)
CO1	K4	16b.	Analyse how "Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking" echoes with contemporary concerns about environmentalism and the human-animal relationship?
CO2	K5	17a.	How does Amy Tan define "mother tongue," and assess what significance does it have in her life and identity? (OR)
CO2	K5	17b.	<i>Today is a Day of Great Joy</i> emphasizes the role of celebration in building a sense of community – Criticize.
CO3	K5	18a.	Assess how Williams uses Blanche as a tragic figure. (OR)
CO3	K5	18b.	Justify the significance of the play's title, <i>Death of a Salesman</i> .
CO4	K5	19a.	Examine Melville's portrayal of the 'human condition' in <i>Bartleby the Scrivener</i> . (OR)
CO4	K5	19b.	Toni Morrison portrays the complexity of Sethe's maternal love, particularly in her decision to kill Beloved – Justify.
CO5	K6	20a.	How do Hispanic women writers show the importance of knowing who you are, being proud of your culture, and feeling strong in their stories? (OR)
CO5	K6	20b.	How did Malcolm X inspire people to stand up for equality and justice, and how do his actions still help others fight for fairness today?