

KANYASHREE UNIVERSITY

M.A 3rd SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2022

Subject- English

Course- CC 11

American Literature

Full Marks- 40

Time- 2.00 Hours

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1. Answer any **FOUR** of the following 5x4 =20
- a) How is the idea of forgiveness handled by Alice Walker in *The Color Purple*?
 - b) Describe and comment on the significance of the initial stage direction in *Death of a Salesman*.
 - c) Explain: When "Landlords" turn the drunken Bee/ Out of the Foxglove's door – /
When Butterflies – renounce their "drams" – / I shall but drink the more!"
 - d) What do you think is Alice Walker's attitude to organized religion in *The Color Purple*?
 - e) Show why Celie addresses her letters to "Dear God" throughout *The Color Purple*?
 - f) Comment briefly on the role of the character of Linda in *Death of a Salesman*.
 - g) Explain: "You may shoot me with your words, / You may cut me with your eyes, /
You may kill me with your hatefulness, / But still, like air, I'll rise."
- 2) Answer any **TWO** of the following 10x2 = 20
- a) Write a note on the theme of alienation and existential crisis in *Death of a Salesman*.
Or
Give an account of the idea of the 'American Dream' as reflected in Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*.
 - b) Plath's "Daddy" is a work of rage and powerlessness, of hatred and agony. Discuss
Or
Critically analyze the poem "On the Pulse of Morning" and comment on its political importance.
 - c) Show how in *The Color Purple*, the female characters determine their own lives.
Or
Write a note on the significance of the title *The Color Purple*. How is it related to 'beauty'?