

2021
MALDA WOMEN'S COLLEGE
B.A. SEMESTER-IV HONOURS EXAMINATION
(HOME ASSIGNMENT)
SUBJECT – ENGLISH HONOURS
PAPER –402-ENGH-DC-9
(American Literature)
FULL MARKS –32

Answer four questions in all.

(4x8 = 32)

1. Briefly comment on the symbolical significance of the title of the play *The Glass Menagerie*.
Or,
2. Discuss *The Glass Menagerie* as a memory play.
3. Critically evaluate the character of Frederic Henry in the novel- *A Farewell to Arms*.
Or,
4. Judith Fetterly said about Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms* that "If we weep at the end, it is not for Catherine, but for Fredric, because in the novel it is male life that matters". Critically evaluate this comment.
5. Briefly evaluate Poe's *The Purloined Letter* as a detective story, mentioning the distinctive features of this genre.
Or,
6. Fitzgerald's *Crack-up* can be considered as "a post-mortem on his nervous and psychological breakdown" that also reflects the "breakdown" of the contemporary American society. Do you agree? Explain your argument.
7. Critically comment on *O Captain, My Captain* as a metaphorical poem.
Or,
8. Critically appreciate the poem- *Let America be America Again*.