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ENS 555

Fourth Semester M.A. Degree Examination, September/October 2022 (New Choice Based Credit System) ENGLISH American Drama

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 70

Note: 1) Answer one question each from Section A, B, C and D.

2) Bland summaries and irrelevant answers will **not** be considered.

SECTION – A $(1\times20=20)$

- 1. *Death of a Salesman* is one of the foundational texts describing the American Dream. Discuss.
- 2. A Streetcar Named Desire explores the clash between two cultures and not two individuals. Elaborate with suitable examples from the play.

SECTION – B $(1\times20=20)$

- 3. Compare and contrast how the three generations of women form their unique identities in *A Raisin in the Sun*.
- 4. Discuss the depiction of Afro-American life in "A Raisin in the Sun".

SECTION – C $(1\times20=20)$

- 5. "Without our traditions, our lives would be as shaky as a fiddler on the roof". How does the opening speech of the film capture the issues of identity and cultural assimilation? Explain.
- 6. Critically appreciate the film adaptation of any one American drama prescribed for your study.

SECTION – D (1×10=10)

Write a short note on **any one** of the following.

- 7. Broadway and the American musical.
- 8. The American alternative theatre movement.
- 9. European influences on American drama.