



THE AMERICAN COLLEGE, MADURAI

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Backlog Arrear Examination, March 2021

ENG 3422

African - American Literature

Time: 3hrs

Marks: 75

I. Answer any FIVE of the following.

(5x15=75)

1. Discuss the political, socio-cultural or historical contexts of African-American literature from its beginnings to the Harlem Renaissance.
2. Elucidate on how the sermon “Three dimensions of Life” by Martin Luther King Jr. resembles a cross-cultural vitality of individual, familial, social and the spiritual search for religious and philosophical maturity.
3. Critique on the impact of slavery in Booker. T. Washington’s “Up from Slavery”.
4. Examine the characteristics of New Negro in Alain Locke’s “The New Negro” and challenges face in the “white” world with a new racial pride.
5. Elaborate on the oppression of women and children in a patriarchal society with reference to Frederick Douglas’s “An American Slave”.
6. Explain how Langston Hughes details the life of blacks in his poem “Brass Spittoons”.
7. Analyse the various themes in Maya Angelo’s “Caged Bird”.
