

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS AND CULTURE
(2015/2016) – MAY 2018

EN - 1212 LITERATURE IN ENGLISH – THEMATIC APPROACH

Time: Two (02) Hours.

Instruction to the candidates

- Answer any two questions from Part – A and any two questions from Part – B.
- Altogether you must answer four (04) questions.
- Marks will be deducted for wrong spellings and wrong grammar.

Part – A

Question 01

- Discuss the theme of the poem “The Unknown Citizen” by W. H. Auden. (10 marks)
 - Explain how does the theme of the poem go along with the present global context. (6 marks)
 - Write a short note on the technique of the poet. (4 marks)
- (Total 20 Marks)

Question 02: Write short notes

- Describe briefly the different roles played by the character Eveline in the short story “Eveline” by James Joyce. (6 marks)
 - In your opinion how do you assess Eveline’s father? (6 marks)
 - How does Eveline expect her new life? (8 marks)
- (Total 20 Marks)

Question 03: Write short notes from the poem “The Solitary Reaper” by William Wordsworth.

- What were the poet's first thoughts when he saw the solitary reaper? (4 marks)
 - What kind of song was the girl singing? (4marks)
 - Why was the valley filled with music? (4marks)
 - Why was the poet puzzled with the song? (4marks)
 - How did the reaper's song affect the poet? (4marks)
- (Total 20 Marks)

(Total Marks 2 X 20 = 40 Marks)

Part – B

- Describe the theme and the background of the poem “Let Life Go on” by Jean Arasanayagam with respect to the Sri Lankan civil war period. (30 Marks)
- Compare and contrast any two women characters in the short story “The Tree Spirit” by Punyakanthe Wijenaik. (30 Marks)
- “The Sri Lankan civil war background was clearly indicated by Jean Arasanayagam in her poem “Refugee – Old Man Old Woman.” Explain the above statement with suitable examples from the poem. (30 Marks)

(Total Marks 2 X 30 = 60 Marks)