

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ARTS AND CULTURE (2014/2015) – MARCH/APRIL 2017

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.
- This paper contains two (02) pages.

Part – A

Answer any two questions from this part. Write your answer briefly.

Question 01

- What are the major and minor different characters involved in the short story "The Tree Spirit" by Punyakanthe Wijenaikē? (6 marks)
- Describe the settings of the above story briefly. (7 marks)
- Write a short note on the technique of the writer in the above story. (7 marks)

(Total 20 Marks)

Question 02: Write short notes

- Describe briefly the different faces of the character Eveline in the short story "Eveline" by James Joyce. (6 marks)
- What is the reaction of Eveline's father about the relationship between his daughter and Frank? (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

Answer any two (02) questions from this Part.

4. Describe the theme of the poem "Let Life Go on" by Jean Arasanayagam. (30 Marks)
5. Compare and contrast the two Romantic poems "The Solitary Reaper" by Wordsworth and "The Poison Tree" by Blake in terms of theme and technique. (30 Marks)
6. Explain with suitable examples about the theme, plot, settings, and characters in the short story "Home Coming" by Vijitha Fernando. (30 Marks)

(Total Marks 2 X 30 = 60 Marks)

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