



## SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION IN BACHELOR OF ARTS (EXTERNAL) - 2009 / 2010  
HELD IN JUNE / JULY - 2010

### ENG 1.21 – COMMONWEALTH LITERATURE

Answer **five** questions selecting at least **two** from each section.

Time: 03 Hours

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#### SECTION – 1

1. 'Nissim Ezekiel's poetry addresses personal and social issues'. Comment on this statement.
2. 'Kamala Das' poetry is too frank in its expression on passion'. Do you agree?
3. Bring out the chief elements in Patrick Fernando's poetry with suitable examples from the prescribed poems.
4. How does Wole Soyinka use irony to depict the absurdity of racism in his poem, 'Telephone Conversation'?

#### SECTION – 2

5. Apart from Hari's attempt to get rid of poverty, Lila too plays a major role to make things successful in the novel 'Village by the Sea'. Do you agree?
6. What role does ethnocentrism play in the screenplay 'My Beautiful Launderette'?
7. Although 'A Horse and Two Goats' tries to highlight the clash of cultures lightheartedly and with humour, the short story also reinforces certain prejudices that the East holds about the West and vice versa. Do you agree?
8. Chinua Achebe's novel 'Things Fall Apart' explores the beauty of Pre-colonial Africa and the agony of Colonial Africa. Do you agree?

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