



FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN ARTS (EXTERNAL) – 2011/2012
HELD IN APRIL / MAY 2013

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ENG 1.21 COMMONWEALTH LITERATURE

Answer **five** questions choosing at least **two** from each section.
All questions carry equal marks.

Time : 03 Hours

SECTION – I

1. Patrick Fernando's 'Fisherman Mourned by His Wife' is an elegy which shows the emotional maturity of the lady. Discuss.
2. Discuss 'My Grandmother's house' as a poem expressing the writer's sense of deprivation and despair.
3. Illustrate the theme of alienation in Nissim Ezekiel's 'Background Casually'.
Or
Write a critical appreciation of the poem 'Night of the Scorpion'.
4. Wole Soyinka uses irony to depict the absurdity of racism in his poem, 'Telephone Conversation'. Discuss with reference to the poem.

SECTION – II

5. The most important and apparent theme in 'A horse and Two Goats' is cultural difference and the character's inability to communicate. Discuss.
6. a) Discuss the theme of the play 'The Lion and the Jewel'.
OR
b) Critically analyse the character of Lakunle.
7. 'Things Fall Apart' is the tragic and moving story of Okonkwo and his village Umuofia. Explain.
8. Write the character sketches of Hari and Lila in Anita Desai's novel 'Village by the Sea'.