

SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN BACHELOR OF ARTS (EXTERNAL) – 2007 / 2008
HELD IN AUGUST - 2008**

ENG 2.12 – SHORT STORY

Answer any five questions.

Time : 03 Hours

1. How does James Joyce deal with the themes of Life and Death in his short story 'The Dead'?
2. Nicholas in the short story 'The Lumber Room' used his wit in such a way as not to get punished but to overcome the blunt restrictions imposed by the adults. Discuss.
3. How are symbols used in 'The Horse Dealer's Daughter', to illustrate the quest for happiness and love?
4. How far have heroism and adventure influenced Santiago's mentality to be a courageous character in the short story 'Old Man and the Sea'?
5. What role does religion play in the short story 'Young Goodman Brown' by Nathaniel Hawthorne?
6. Compare the Whiteman in 'The Lagoon' with Leggatt in 'The Secret Sharer' in relation to their attitudes and functions.
7. "The adults get fooled mostly not because that Vera is witty and intelligent but because of the lack of depth in their thinking". Write your view about the above statement with reference to the short story 'The Open Window'.
8. What do you think is the role played by Larry's father in bringing out the theme of 'My Oedipus Complex'?