



ENG 2.12 – SHORT STORY

Answer five questions. Marks will be deducted for bad grammar.

Time: 03 Hours

1. 'My Oedipus Complex' illustrates a continuing battle between a son and his father for his mother's love and attention. Do you agree? Discuss with evidence from the story and comment on the way the story ends.
2. How does James Joyce deal with the themes of Life and Death in his short story The Dead?
3. "Short story writers are clever at drawing our attention to the weaknesses of the society without creating any malice towards the characters". Explain with reference to any short story you have studied.
4. Taking any short story you have read in the course, discuss the appropriateness of the title.
5. Nicholas in the short story 'The Lumber Room' uses his wit in such a way as not to get punished but to overcome the blunt restrictions imposed by adults. Discuss.
6. Nathaniel Hawthorne's Young Goodman Brown is completely symbolic. Discuss.
7. Which of the following short stories did you find most interesting? Give reasons for your answer in terms of themes, characterization, plot, techniques etc, making comparisons with one or two of the other stories.
 - i. The Pit and Pendulum
 - ii. The Lagoon
 - iii. The Horse Dealer's Daughter
 - iv. The Old Man and the Sea
 - v. The Secret Sharer
8. Examine the main qualities of a short story quoting from two short stories you have studied.