

SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

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

ENG 2.21 – CLASSICAL ENGLISH FICTION

Answer any five questions.

Time : 03 Hours

1. "Charles Dickens in his novel 'Great Expectations' shows that character is a product of social forces". Discuss.
2. Do you think Tess is responsible for her own tragedy in Thomas Hardy's 'Tess of the D'urbevilles'?
3. "D.H. Lawrence's 'Sons and Lovers' deals with the unhealthy relationship between the hero of the novel and his mother, and the bad effect of this relationship on his relationships with other women'. Comment.
4. Emma is clever but continually mistaken, kindhearted but capable of callous behavior. Austen commented that Emma is a heroine "no one but myself will much like." Do you find Emma likable? Give reasons for your answer.
5. In what sense is 'The Mill on the Floss' a spiritual novel?
6. Discuss the relationship between social classes in Victorian times, as presented in two or more novels of the period.
7. Is 'Wuthering Heights' a novel about love? If so, what kind? If not, what is its primary theme?
8. What do Adela and Mrs. Moore hope to get out of their visit to India? Do they succeed?