

**SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**

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

**ENG 3.12 ENGLISH POETRY**

Answer any five questions.

Time: 03 hours

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1. Select one of the following:  
Do you agree that 'the Love Song of Alfred J. Prufrock' is a love song?  
Discuss.  

**Or**

There is spiritual degeneration all around Eliot's 'Waste Land'. Discuss.
2. "Donne sees a similarity in dissimilarities in his use of imagery." Discuss this statement in relation to at least three of his poems.
3. Do you agree that the poetry of the First World War reflects a change of mood from hope and idealism to pessimism and despair?
4. "The Augustan Age was called the *Neoclassical Period* and the *Age of Reason*". Discuss this statement with reference to the main literary figures of the period.
5. Which of the poets that you studied in this course, did you find most interesting? Support your answer with reference to the themes and techniques of the poet you have selected.
6. "The main theme in Herbert's poetry is the struggle between the ordinary life and a life of surrender to God". Substantiate.
7. "Owen's war poetry is a passionate expression of outrage at the horrors of war and of pity for the young soldiers sacrificed in it". Discuss.
8. Discuss the common features of Metaphysical poetry with ample illustrations from the poets you learnt.