



SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN BACHELOR OF ARTS (EXTERNAL) - 2009 / 2010
HELD IN DECEMBER - 2010**

ENG 3.12 – ENGLISH POETRY

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

Time: 03 Hours

1. "Chaucer uses brief stories to convey a serious social message". Do you agree with the above statement?
2. Discuss the themes and techniques either of Donne's love poetry or his religious verse.
3. Evaluate T.S. Eliot as a modern poet.
4. "Wilfred Owen treats war with compassion". Comment.
5. Define your understanding of metaphysical poetry.
6. What kind of attitude do the government and its institutions have towards their citizens as shown in the poem "The Unknown Citizen" by W. H. Auden?
7. Comment on Dryden's use of language to match his political criticism in his political satire 'Abasalom and Achitophel'.
8. Discuss Andrew Marvell as a metaphysical poet.
