

SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN BACHELOR OF ARTS (EXTERNAL) – 2008 / 2009
HELD IN APRIL – 2009

ENG 1.11 – INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE (POETRY AND SHORT STORY)

Answer any five questions selecting at least two from each section

Time : 03 Hours

SECTION – A

01. Compare and contrast the two poems ‘Dirge for Corporal Premaratne’ and ‘Let Life Go on’ by Suresh Canagarajah with special reference to the on going ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.
02. “Anne Ranasinghe exposes humanity through her poems ‘On the Beach’ and ‘Plead Mercy’.” Discuss the statement.
03. Discuss the central theme of the poem ‘The Unknown Citizen’ by W.H. Auden.
04. Write a detailed note on the romantic elements with special reference to Blake’s poem ‘The Poison Tree’ and Wordsworth’s poems ‘The Solitary Reaper’ and ‘I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud’.”

SECTION – B

05. How does the Vijitha Fernando show social problems through her short story “Circle of Powder?”
06. “James Joyce’s short stories “Eveline” and “Araby” deal with the theme of alienation.” Discuss the above statement with suitable illustrations from the stories.
07. Compare R.K. Narayan’s short story “Another Community” with the contemporary Sri Lankan context.
08. Write a detailed note on D.H. Lawrence’s characterization with special reference to his short story ‘The Odour of Chrysanthemums.’