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SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN ARTS (EXTERNAL) – 2007 / 2008
HELD IN MARCH / APRIL 2008

ENG 1.21 – COMMONWEALTH LITERATURE

Answer **five** (05) questions selecting at least **two** from each section.

Time: 03 Hours

SECTION – 1

1. "Most of Michael Ondaatje's poems are written about his personal experiences". Do you agree?
2. "Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings." – William Wordsworth. Discuss this statement in relation to Kamala Das's poems.
3. What view does the wife of the fisherman hold about their marriage in the poem "The fisherman mourned by his wife" by Patrick Fernando?
4. Write an appreciation of the poem "Night of the Scorpion" by Nissim Ezekiel.

SECTION – 2

5. In your opinion, what contributes most to things falling apart in Umuofia? Explain.
6. "A Horse and Two Goats' is merely a comic story". Do you agree? Discuss.
7. "My Beautiful Launderette" focuses mostly on the identity that Pakistani Muslims have developed for themselves in contrast to the native white people in the city of London'. Discuss.
8. What do courage and discipline contribute in the novel "Village by the Sea" by Anita Desai?
