

SOUTH EASTERN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATIONS IN ARTS (EXTERNAL) – 2006 / 2007
Held in May 2007

ENG 1.21 – COMMONWEALTH LITERATURE

Answer any **five** (05) questions only.
Each question carries 20 marks.

Time: 03 Hours

01. How does Wole Soyinka show the black suppression through his poem 'Telephone Conversation'?
02. Write the typical nature of motherhood with respect to Nissim Ezekiel's poem 'The Night of the Scorpion' and Kalama Das' poem 'My Grandmother's House'
03. Discuss the themes of Patric Fernando's poems 'The Fisherman Mourned By his Wife' and 'Father and Son'
04. Compare and contrast the two major characters Lila and Hari in Anita Desai's story *Village by the Sea*.
05. How do you explain the 'fall of culture' by the fall of the hero through the story *Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe*?
06. Write a detail note on Wole Soyinka's characterization in the play *Lion and the Jewel*.
07. How does Abhijith Sircar use images and symbols in the drama *Child's Play*?
08. Analyze the general settings of R.K. Narayan's short stories with reference to the short stories of him that you read.
