

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

ENG 1.21 – COMMONWEALTH LITERATURE

Answer any **five** questions.

Time : 03 Hours

01. How does Soylinks deal with colour discrimination in his poem “Telephone Conversation”?
02. Write a detailed note on biographical elements discussed in Nissim Ezekiel’s poems “Background Casually” and “The Night of the Scorpion”
03. Write character sketches of Hari and Lila in Anita Desai’s novel *Village by the Sea*.
04. ‘The fall of the hero symbolizes the fall of the native culture.’ Discuss the statement with reference to Chinua Achebe’s novel *Things Fall Apart*
05. Write a detailed note on Wole Soyinka’s characterization. Illustrate your answer from his play “*The Lion and the Jewel*.”
06. Discuss the theme of the play *Child’s Play* by Abhijit Sircar.
07. How does R.K. Narayan use village background to his short stories? Answer with suitable examples from two of his short stories that you studied.
