

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH

- LEVEL 4

FINAL EXAMINATION

- November 2015

POETRY

- LSD2206

DURATION

- THREE HOURS (03 hours)



DATE: 21.11. 2015

TIME:

9.30 am.

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12.30pm.

ANSWER QUESTION 01 AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM PART B.

Part A

- 1) Identify two (02) of the following extracts and comment on their significance to the text from which they are taken.

i) *She turns and looks a moment in the glass,
Hardly aware of her departed lover;
Her brain allows one half-formed thought to pass:
'Well now that's done: and I'm glad it's over.'*

ii) *My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.*

iii) *And I, whose childhood
Is a forgotten boredom,
Feel like a child
Who comes on a scene
Of adult reconciling,*

(40 marks)

Part B

2. The second part of T. S. Eliot's poem *The Waste Land*, which is titled *A Game of Chess*, suggests how human relationships can suffer when they are based on questionable values. Do you agree? Explore this statement with close reference to the relevant section of the poem.
3. What is Larkin's attitude towards nature? Discuss using at least three (03) poems you have studied.
4. Robert Frost is a poet whose work touched simple and unsophisticated emotions of people in their day-to-day lives. Examine this statement with close reference to three (03) poems you have studied.
5. Discuss how Yeats presents thoughts on age and the passing of time through his nature poems '*Wild Swans at Coole*' and '*The Lake Isle of Innisfree*'.

(60 marks)