

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH

- LEVEL 3

FINAL EXAMINATION

- June 2010

DRAMA AND POETRY

- LSD 1206

DURATION

- THREE HOURS (03 hours)



DATE: 05. 06. 2010

TIME: 1.30 pm. - 4.30pm.

ANSWER QUESTION 01 AND TWO OTHERS, SELECTING ONE FROM PART B AND ONE FROM PART C.

Part A

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

- a) *For I have known them all already, known them all;
Have known the evenings, mornings, afternoons,
I have measured out my life with coffee spoons;
I know the voices dying with a dying fall
Beneath the music from a farther room.
So how should I presume"*
- b) *"Foul whisp'rings are abroad; unnatural deeds
Do breed unnatural troubles; infected minds
To their deaf pillows will discharge their secrets."*
- c) It's Michael, Cathleen, it's Michael; God spare his soul, and what will herself say when she hears this story, and Bartley on the sea?

- d) *This City now doth like a garment wear
The beauty of the morning; silent, bare,
Ships, towers, domes, theatres, and temples lie
Open unto the fields, and to the sky;*

(40 marks)

Part B

- 2) The conflict of human vs nature is of central importance to the play *Rider's to the Sea*. Discuss this statement with reference to the play.
- 3) One of the main themes explored in the play *Macbeth* is that appearances can be deceptive. Explore this theme by focusing on a central character in the play.

(30 marks)

Part C

- 4) "John Donne's *Holy Sonnets* depicts an obsession with death." Would you agree with this statement? Discuss with reference to at least two (02) sonnets you have studied.
- 5) In his famous *Preface to Lyrical Ballads* Wordsworth argues that poetry should depict incidents chosen from common life using simple language that expresses feelings in an unelaborated manner. Use any three (03) poems of Wordsworth you have studied and discuss whether this statement holds true for his own poetry.
- 6) What are the paralyzing fears that haunt J. Alfred Prufrock? Discuss with close reference to the poem.
- 7) "Gerard Manley Hopkins' poetry explores belief and faith in a higher power." Discuss this statement using at least three (03) of his poems.

(30 marks)