



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH

- LEVEL 3

FINAL EXAMINATION

- July 2011

DRAMA AND POETRY

- LSD 1206

DURATION

- THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 30. 07. 2011

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) *Not, I'll not, carrion comfort, Despair, not feast on thee;
Not untwist—slack they may be—these last strands of man
In me or, most weary, cry I can no more. I can;
Can something, hope, wish day come, not choose not to be.
But ah, but O thou terrible, why wouldst thou rude on me
Thy wring-world right foot rock? lay a lionlimb against me? scan
With darksome devouring eyes my bruised bones? and fan,
O in turns of tempest, me heaped there; me frantic to avoid thee and flee?*
- b) *Bold Lover, never, never canst thou kiss
Though winning near the goal yet, do not grieve;
She cannot fade, though thou hast not thy bliss,
Forever wilt thou love, and she be fair!*

- c) *There's no art
To find the mind's construction in the face.
He was a gentleman on whom I built
An absolute trust*
- d) *In spite of all that beauty may disown
In your harsh features, Nature doth embrace
Her lawful offspring in Men's art;*

(40 marks)

Part B

- 2) "In *Macbeth* King Duncan's leadership qualities are seen as being highly questionable." Do you agree with this view? Discuss with close reference to the play.
- 3) "In *Riders to the Sea* women have nothing but passive roles to play." Discuss.

(30 marks)

Part C

- 4) Hopkins is known best as a poet who combines nature and religion. Discuss how these two themes are combined to good effect by Hopkins, citing 03 of his poems.
- 5) Choose any two of Keats' Odes. Compare and Contrast
i) the structure
ii) poetic techniques
employed by the poet in the chosen texts.
- 6) In *The Love Song of Alfred J Prufrock*, we can see the tyranny of the part over the whole. Do you agree?
- 7) "Wordsworth became aware of the joys and sorrows of the human condition through nature." Discuss the statement with reference to the poems you have studied.

(30 marks)