

THE OPENUNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH

- LEVEL 4

FINAL EXAMINATION

- November 2014

POETRY

- LSD 2206

DURATION

- THREE HOURS (03 hours)



DATE: 23.11.2014

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) *“The river’s tent is broken: the last fingers of leaf
Clutch and sink into the wet bank. The wind
Crosses the brown land, unheard. The nymphs are
Departed.”*
- ii) *Move forward, run my hand around the font.
From where I stand, the roof looks almost new -
Cleaned, or restored? Someone would know: I don't.*
- iii) *To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly balls
We have to use a spell to make them balance:
‘Stay where you are until our backs are turned!’.*

(40 marks)

Part B

2. *The Wasteland* is a poem of decayed spirituality and barren imagination. Do you agree? Argue with close reference to the text of the poem.

3. Freedom from routine existence is a recurring theme in Larkin's poetry. Discuss with close reference to three poems you have studied.

4. Do you think Frost is a poet who attempted to discover bigger truths in life using mundane incidents as his focus? Examine with reference to three poems you have studied.

(60 marks)