

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH

- LEVEL 4

FINAL EXAMINATION

- November 2015

FORMS OF FICTION

- LSD 2204

DURATION

- THREE HOURS (03 hours)



DATE: 08. 11. 2015

TIME: 9.30 am.

- 12.30pm.

ANSWER QUESTION (1), AND ANY TWO OTHERS, SELECTING ONE  
EACH FROM PART B AND PART C.

Part A

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

**(a)**

- i) "Yes" said the girl. *"Everything tastes of liquorice. Especially all the things you have waited so long for, like absinthe."*

or

- ii) *"My daughter has sent word that she will be sending me money."*  
*"Have you a daughter?" sneered the shopman.*  
*"And, she is sending you money! For what purpose may I know?"*

and

**(b)**

- i) *"The night was very dark. In the great bay of railway lines, bulked with trucks, there was no trace of light, only away back she could see a few yellow lamps at the pit – top, and the red smear of the burning pit – bank on the night."*

or

- ii) *They followed him in silence, their feet falling in soft thuds on the thickly carpeted stairs. She mounted the stairs behind the porter, her head bowed*

*in the ascent, her frail shoulders curved as with a burden, her skirt girt tightly about her."*

(40 marks)

**Part B**

- 2) "They're a rotten crowd... You're worth the whole damn bunch put together."  
Using this quotation as a starting point discuss why or why not Gatsby deserves to be the hero of the book "*The Great Gatsby*".
- 3) Discuss the role played by Nick Carraway in "*The Great Gatsby*."

(30 marks)

**Part C**

- 4) Tess is the victim of the patriarchal society in which she lives. Discuss this statement, agreeing or disagreeing with it, citing at least two (02) examples from the text to support your answer .
- 5) Alec and Angel, together, represent different archetypes of the patriarchal society in which Hardy has set '*Tess of the d'urbervilles*'. Discuss how they are so, citing at least two (02) examples for each.

(30 marks)