

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE



FINAL EXAMINATION - October 2016
INTRODUCTION TO DRAMA - LSD1212
DURATION - THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 23.10.2016 TIME: 1.30 pm. - 4.30 pm

ANSWER ONE QUESTION EACH FROM PART (A), PART (B) AND PART (C).

Part A

EITHER

1. One of the prominent themes of *Kuveni* by Henri Jayasena is motherhood. Do you agree? Discuss with close reference to the text of the play.

OR

2. Henry Jayasena's drama *Kuveni* is critical of the modern legal system. Argue with close reference to the text.

(33 marks)

Part B

EITHER

3. How does Chekhov present marriage in *A Marriage Proposal*? What do you think Chekhov is trying to tell us about contemporary Russian Society through his presentation?

OR

4. How successful is *A Marriage Proposal* as a comedy? Discuss.

(33 marks)

Part C**EITHER**

5. *Trifles* is a play about the quiet power of women. Discuss this statement. (Refrain from narrating the plot.)

OR

6. "Well can you beat the women ! Held for murder and worry in about her preserves."
Using this excerpt from *Trifles* as a starting point, comment on the issue of unimportant things in Susan Glaspell's play.

(34 marks)