THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH - LEVEL 4

FINAL EXAMINATION - December 2012

POETRY - LSD 2206

DURATION - THREE HOURS (03 hours)

DATE: 08. 12. 2012 TIME: 1.30 pm. - - 4.30pm.

ANSWER QUESTION 01 AND ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM PART B.

Part A

1) **Identify two (02) of the following passages and comment on their significance to the text from which they are taken.**

i) *A shape less recognisable each week,*
A purpose more obscure. I wonder who
Will be the last, the very last, to seek
This place for what it was;

ii) *You are a proper fool, I said.*
Well, if Albert won't leave you alone, there it is, I said,
What you get married for if you don't want children?
HURRY UP PLEASE IT'S TIME,

iii) *The doctor put him in the dark of ether.*
He lay and puffed his lips out with his breath.
And then - the watcher at his pulse took a fright.

No one believed. They listened to his heart.
Little - less - nothing! and that ended it.
No more to build on there. And they, since they
Were not the one dead, turned to their affairs.

(40 marks)

Part B

4. Water and dry earth are powerful symbols in the poem T.S. Eliot's 'The Waste Land.' With close reference to the text, discuss how these symbols combine to create meaning in the poem.

5. "Phlip Larkin in his poetry, attempted to sketch how human beings attempt to come to terms with the forces of the modern market economy." Use at least two poems you have studied as your focus and comment on the statement above.

6. Examine carefully the ways in which many of Frost's poems move from a concrete image or experience to an exploration of transcendent meanings (you should refer to at least 3 poems).

(60 marks)