

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

Second Semester Examination in Arts and Culture (2012/2013) –
2014/2015 December 2017

EN 3223 – The Novel

Answer any four questions.

Each question carries equal marks.

Time: 3 Hours

1. “The novel *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf is about the search for meaning in life.” Discuss the above statement in relation to how the characters conduct their search.
2. “Fielding’s novel *Tom Jones* questions morality at a time when people read to be instructed in.” Do you agree/disagree with this statement? Explain your agreement/disagreement with suitable examples from the novel.
3. Write character sketches of the following characters in the novel *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens: Thomas Gradgrind, Louisa Gradgrind, Josiah Bounderby, Stephen Blackpool, and James Harthouse.
4. Discuss the theme “marriage and social status” in the novel *Emma* by Jane Austen.
5. Compare the lives of the animals when they live under Jones in Manor Farm and under Napoleon in *Animal Farm* in the novella *Animal Farm* by George Orwell.
6. Explain the novel *The Pilgrims Progress* by John Bunyan as a religious allegory.