

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Faculty of Arts

Second Year Examination in Arts (Study Stream), Semester 2, 2018

ENG 2234 – Rhetoric and Style

Two Hours

Answer all THREE (03) questions.

1. Compare and contrast the representation of identities portrayed through the extracts below, linking them to features of rhetoric and style (20 marks).
 - a. **ABEYNAYAKE, NEIL (Retired Engineer, Walker Sons & Co) - Beloved husband of Nalini, everloving father of Ushani (USA) & Piyushan (USA), father-in-law of Don & Thushara, dearly beloved brother of Ramya, Sirima, Chandani & late Dilsiri, cherished grandfather of Ama & Hansi. Old Thomian (OBA Centenary Group), Ex-President of Lions Club of Moratuwa & Ratmalana. Cortege will leave the residence on Thursday (15th) at 4 p.m. for Cremation at the Mount Lavinia - Dehiwala Cemetery at 5 p.m. Residence : No. 56, Sri Dhammadara Road, Ratmalana.130845**
 - b. **About our daughter. She is eldest of the family, graduated as an Engineer & working Toronto, born in 1991 Sept. height 5'6" & slim. She is very kind hearted, brought up with Buddhist background. We are Sinhala Buddhist parents, truly looking for a son with Sinhala Buddhist values too. If you wish to further discuss please send your son's information & face book info to my email pvt_123@yahoo.com
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2. A logical fallacy is an error in reasoning that undermines the logic of an argument. The following argument is logically fallacious in that it carries implicit assumptions which are not validated by evidence. Point out **THREE** such assumptions and discuss exactly how they weaken the argument. Note that you do not have to provide names of the logical fallacies but need to identify and analyse the inherent assumptions in the argument (10 marks).

Letter to the editor from a Central Plaza store owner

Over the past two years, the number of shoppers in Central Plaza has been steadily decreasing while the popularity of skateboarding has increased dramatically. Many Central Plaza store owners believe that the decrease in their business is due to the number of skateboard users in the plaza. There has also been a dramatic increase in the amount of litter and vandalism throughout the plaza. Thus, we recommend that the city prohibit skateboarding in Central Plaza. If skateboarding is prohibited here, we predict that business in Central Plaza will return to its previously high levels.

(Quoted from GRE "Analyse an Argument" practice topics)

3. "A good [short story] would take me out of myself and then stuff me back in, oversized, now, and uneasy with the fit." Discuss this statement in relation to features of rhetoric and style, making detailed reference to **TWO** short stories studied in the course (20 marks).
