



**University of Jaffna**  
**Centre for open and Distance Learning**  
**Bachelor of Arts Degree Programme**

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**Screening Exam in English Literature- CODL-2024**

The Department of Linguistics and English has decided to allow **only those candidates who pass the screening test in literary analysis** conducted by the Department to take English Literature as a core subject in the B.A Programme conducted by the CODL of the University of Jaffna.

**The Nature of the Exam**

This **one- hour- long** exam aims to test candidates' proficiency in reading interpreting, analyzing and writing about literary texts written in English. The exam has two components.

**Part A** requires candidates to write a critical analysis of a given poem. In writing critical analysis of the given poem, candidates are expected to demonstrate their ability and comment on the themes of the poem, the implicit message(s) conveyed through the poem, the literary techniques deployed by the poet and their effectiveness, the poetic voice and Versification, imagery, sense, meter, rhyme, and rhythm and the overall impact of the poem on the reader.

**Part B** candidates are asked to respond to questions about an extract taken from a novel or short story. These Questions will be designed in such a way as to test candidates' ability to understand and comment on, among other things, the major issues and thematic concerns the extract engages with, alludes to, and highlights, the literary techniques and narrative strategies the writer has deployed and their appropriateness and effectiveness, and the impact the extract has on the reader.

In evaluating students' responses, importance will be given to candidates' ability to organize their thought and ideas coherently and present them in a style that meets the requirements of academic prose.

Candidates should keep in mind that the questions that will appear in this exam are vastly different from the questions they generally come across in reading comprehension exams.