



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES  
 LEVEL 4 SEMESTER I (2017/2018)  
 DSU4327 – APPRECIATION OF FILM AND THEATRE  
 FINAL EXAMINATION

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Time: 01.30 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.

Instructions

- Select only five (05) questions for essay type answers
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks each)

1. Explain how story telling has been shaped over time. Use examples to make your points clear.
2. Explain the importance of theatre to act as a mirror, reflecting societal flaws in order to bring about positive change.
3. Write an analysis, using examples where needed, on the power of the cinema industry to entertain as well as disseminate important social messages.
4. Describe Bertolt Brecht's concept of Epic Theatre and show how this form of theatre can still be relevant to today's social context.
5. Trace in brief the history of early cinema.
6. Thinking of yourself as a film critic, write an in-depth review of a film of your choice.
7. Explain the dynamics that go into different film genre and cite examples where needed.
8. Describe neo realism trends that have been popular in global cinema, citing examples.
9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** topics below:
  - i. Significance of fairy tales
  - ii. Aesthetics of cinema
  - iii. Theatre of cruelty of Antonin Artaud
  - iv. Thomas Edison
  - v. Lumiere brothers

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