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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

ENG416 CREATIVE WRITING III

TIME ALLOWED: 1½ HRS

INSTRUCTION: Answer TWO questions. Clarity and good organisation will be rewarded.

- 1a. Why do we write? State 5 reasons, with examples.
- b. "One of the best ways to be successful as a writer is to know the interests of your readers." Discuss 4 ways in which a creative writer can make his/her writing to be of interest to his/her readers.
- 2a. Identify and discuss 5 skills a creative writer needs to write well.
- b. "Read bad writers". Explain how this piece of advice can make one a good writer.
3. What is an idea-generating tree? Construct an idea-generating tree with either of these themes: How to Prepare Bean Porridge OR 'My Experience at the Police Station'
- 4a. What is a drama play? Write short notes on any 5 elements of play writing you know.
- (b) Study the nursery rhyme below and answer the questions that come after it:

*My Mother,
Who sat and watched my infant head
When sleeping on my cradle bed
And tears of sweetness made me cry,
My mother!*

- i). What is the word order of the above poem?
- ii). What is the tone of the poet?
- iii). Identify the rhyme scheme used in the poem.
- iv). Mention the figures of speech used in the poem.

