

Bachelor of Arts Examination 2019
English (Honours)
Second Year Third Semester
Special Author: Ursula le Guin

Full Marks: 30

Time: Two hours

Answer *any three* questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Do you find the Ekumene a convincing political idea? Answer with reference to Ursula le Guin's depiction of it in the texts you have studied.
2. Discuss the role of violence in Gethenian society.
3. Given a choice, would you live on Urras or Anarres? Justify your choice.
4. Compare the University of Ieu Eun with Roke Academy.
5. Discuss the cultural construction of femininity with respect to any two female characters from the Earthsea books.
6. Compare the first and the last of the Earthsea books and discuss two major changes you find in Ursula le Guin's handling of themes between them.
7. How convincing do you find the spiritual dimension of Earthsea? Give reasons for your answer.