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024 LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

TIME: 3 Hours

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Instructions

1. This paper consists of sections A, B and C with a total of 11 questions
2. Answer ALL questions in section A and B and only three questions from Section C.
3. Any unauthorized materials are not allowed in the examination room
4. Remember to write your name on every page of your answer sheet.

This paper consists of 4 printed pages

SECTION A (15 Marks)

Answer all questions in this section

1. For each of the items i-x choose the correct answer from among the given alternatives and write its letter besides the item number in the answer sheet provided

- i. The picture that is created by words in the literary work through words is called;
A. Symbolism B. Myth C. Diction D. Imagery E. Allusion
- ii) Literature is unique from other arts because it has two elements which are;
A. Figures of speech and figurative language B. Form and content C. Symbolism and imagery
D. Western literature and African literature E. Old Literature and modern literature
- iii) Her son used to cry at night that is why she sang..... to calm the child down.
A. Dirge B. Ode C. Lullaby D. Lyric E. Parable
- (iv) When you hear "Bank" you get confused as it is either financial institution or an edge of a river. Therefore, the word bank is an example of:
A. Anthology B. Anthesis C. Anadiplosis D. Anaphora E. Ambiguity
- (v) Which literary term involves the use of double negation to emphasize a positive meaning?
A. Paradox B. Litotes C. Hyperbole D. Allusion E. Epiphora
- (vi) When reading a novel called The Universe in The City, you identified Ignorance, betrayal, poverty, classes and exploitation. What you identified are:
A. Genres of literature B. Themes C. Messages D. Relevance E. Point of view
- vii) Which of the following features distinguish oral literature from written?
A. Expensive to produce B. Stored in books and tapes C. Property of an individual person D. Performance based E. Has few types
- (viii) Pass away instead of die is an example of:
A. Metaphor B. Euphemism C. Parable D. Personification E. Depersonification
- (ix) The statement "Life is just like an ice-cream, enjoy it before it melts" is an example of
A. Metaphor B. Personification C. Simile D. Euphemism E. Irony
- (x) One of the following elements does not belong to form
A) Point of view B) philosophy C) Setting D) Style E) Language
2. Match the descriptions of the following Literary terms in list A and list B by writing the letter of the correct response beside the corresponding item number in the answer sheet provided.

LIST A	LIST B
Couplet	A stanza with six verses
Octave	A stanza with four verses
Sestet	A stanza with fourteen verses
Quatrain	A stanza with two verses
Terce	A stanza with seven verses
	A stanza with three verses
	A stanza with eight verses

SECTION B (40MARKS)

Answer all questions in this section @ 8 marks

3. Briefly explain 4 differences between literary language and ordinary language

4. Read the following extracts from literary works you have read then answer the given questions;

“What can one expect from any of you!” “And when people who really knew what they were talking about told me. I didn’t believe them!... Well, there is going to be a change...” „The prison-director knew what he was talking about when he said what you needed was the big stick,” she went on. „Well, that’s what you’re going to get, that’s what you’re going to get. We shall see who wins in the end.” Said by Madame Suzy.

- i. From the extract, explain two themes.
- ii. “ Even if he doesn’t come till the night, i will wait,” he said. “Even if he doesn’t come until tomorrow, or for a year or till the end of the world...” These were spoken by Meka. Which figure of speech is presented there?
- iii. Ignatius Obebe says, “ I forgive you because you know not what you do” this was after quarrelling with people who gathered at Meka’s place to hear his story as he went to the Commandant. Which figure of speech is there?
- iv. Meka joked Essomba “I have always wondered how a gorilla like you came to marry such a pretty wife!” which figure of speech do you get from the words of Meka?
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- v. In The Trials of Brother Jero there are symbols like Television and Kola. What do they symbolize? Explain briefly to prove your answers

5. Explain of how the following relates to the real life in your society in one paragraph each, with more than 6 lines;

- i. M. Salvain from HOUSEBOY
- ii. Laurance from THE OLD MAN AND THE MEDAL
- iii. M. Fouconi from THE OLD MAN AND THE MEDAL
- iv. Atieno from A FREEDOM SONG
- v. Gullet from THE OLD MAN AND THE MEDAL

6. By picking examples from the plays you have read in literature subject, describe the following roles of literature to the society;

- i. Entertains people in the society
- ii. Expresses people’s culture
- iii. Educates the society
- iv. Influences people
- v. Criticizes the society

7. Definition of literature is not complete until it involves things namely Art, Language, message, social realities and Society. Show how those things are related with literature in one paragraph each.

SECTION C (45 Marks)

Answer three (3) questions from this section.

8. Clouds are there for the rain. Take rain as quarrels in the society. In a detailed way, give the clouds for such quarrels in the society. 6 points from two plays you have read.

9. "A woman is a cob of maize for any mouth that has teeth to devour" this saying is a notion of many men in Africa. What can be the effects of its implication to the society? 6 points from HOUSEBOY- by F. Oyono.

10. Authors use their uniqueness in presenting their works beautifully. Describe the unique styles used by two authors in presenting the message to the audience. 6 points.

11. Poetry is more powerful in its presentation than other genres. How far is this statement true from two poems you have read?