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TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO PROSE FICTION AND PROSE NON-FICTION

COURSE CODE: IDE AL 111; **STRICTLY FOR INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS AND NOT FOR FULLTIME STUDENTS**

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS IN ALL
- (2) DO NOT REPEAT MATERIAL IN YOUR ANSWERS
- (3) EACH QUESTION SHOULD BE COMMENCED ON A FRESH SHEET
- (4) CLARITY OF EXPRESSION AND EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION OF CONTENT WILL COUNT IN THE AWARD OF POINTS FOR THIS PAPER
- (5) EACH QUESTION IS WORTH 33 MARKS

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QUESTION 1

Read the attached story and identify the elements that have been used to build plot up to the climax. Comment on specific elements that in your view contribute the most to the effectiveness of the climax.

QUESTION 2

Is the postcolonial African city in the short stories you have read a source of cultural enrichment or not? Discuss the depiction of the postcolonial city using a short story of your choice to support your view.

QUESTION 3

“Elements of orality continue to be deployed to great artistic and thematic effect by modern African novelists.”

With evidence from **one** novel of your choice, support the above statement.

QUESTION 4

“Grievances of various kinds faced by different sections of African populations often compromised the unity of specific ethnic groups. This meant that when European colonial rule came, these ethnic groups could not mount a united resistance against colonial rule. Needless to say, these groups easily bowed to colonial rule.”

With evidence from one novel of your choice, support the above stated view. Make sure you **qualify** the injustices experienced by the specific aggrieved groups.

QUESTION 5

Discuss how the complexity of the politics of memory is exemplified in one autobiographical text of your choice.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the use of old people or grandparents in the construction and authentication of autobiographical narrative in *An Ill-fated People*.

Njengobe sekubhoke bugebengu eSwatini kakhulu lapha kaManzini, umphatsi wesigodzi sakaManzini utjele emePhoyisa kutsi ahlale acaphele, acaphele tigebengu letitsengisa tidzakamizwa kanye nalelihamba tiphetse emaphepha etimali-imbunibulu. Liphoyisa lemfati Fokisi Ncobile Ngwenya lophetse luhlangotsi loluphenya emacala emgunyati kanye nelidzakamizwa uniketwe lijoke lekutsi yena nabofokisi labaphetse, babambe imoto lencane lebovu yekuchamuka kulelinye live ledvume ngekutsi ngiyo leyenta lomnakalo nangekutsi futsi ihamba tigebengu letiyingoti sibili.

Kusikuseni ngeNgongoni ngelilanga lelendvulela Khisimusi. Fokisi Ncobile Langwenya ume efasitelweni lelihhovisi lakhe, e-Enterprise, edolobheni kaManzini. Fokisi Superintendent Langwenya ubuka ngephandle ngobe ukhangwe ngumsindvo webantfu labaphitsitelako, behla benyuka nelidolobha.

Kuwo lowo mzuzwana asemile, abone imoto lebovu i-Volvo ingena ima ngephandle ecadzini kwesitezi. Lemoto inelombolo taseNtilasifane. Umshayeli walemoto ake ahlale sikhashana kulemoto kepha agcine aphumile. Kuphume indvodza lemfishane ifake tibuko telilanga kantsi liyakhiza. Lendvodza icalacalate tonkhe tindzawo bese ijikela ebhuthini yemoto, nakhona ifike icalate sikhashana phambilini kwekutsi ivule ibhuthi. Ebuthini ivule lekungatsi lisutukesi iphenyaphenye.

Ime sikhashanyana iphindze icalate macala onkhana, bese ikhipha intfo letsite, iyifaka ekhikhini langekhatsi ebhantjini, ivale ibhuthi iyikhiye. Ikhiye tonkhe livalo temoto bese iyehla icondza entasi esiteshini semabhasi. Ihamba ngekukhululeka ishaya inkwela.

"Sengatsi lamuhla ngitawutfofa lifofo ekuseni nje kusa. Yini lomfokati ngive angingena emitsanjeni? Ngiva uyangesindza", sekusho yena fokisi emehlo akhe angesuki kulendvodza.

"Sengatsi kukhona lanako. Ngiva kutsi ake ngimlandzele ngimshophe ngibone kutsi tsine naye sitakuphelelaphi. Phela uma kweswelekile ngingamsingatsa imphilo yakhe lesasele lapha emhlabeni ngite ngenetiseke ngayo."

Fokisi Langwenya avule sisefo, akhiphe livolovolo, i-Baby Brown 9 mm. Alivule alihlale, akhandze kutsi magazini ngcwele tihlavu letisiphohlango. Atsatse bomagazini lababili, nabo labagcwele abafake ekhikhini. Ahlale ngelifasitelo abuke kutsi angakwati yini kutsatsa inombolo yemoto. Ayitsatse inombolo yemoto letsi CRY 100 T Amoyitele.

"I lawu! yate yahlekisa lenombolo yalemoto. Ungate uyitsatse ngekutsi itsi 'cry hundred tears'; khala tinyembeti letilikhulu."

Ehle agijima esitezi Fokisi Langwenya aphutlume ngephandle. Endlule embikwalemoto ehlele esiteshini semabhasi ahambe acalata lomfokati, kepha lutfo. Angene nasemabhasini kepha nakhona angamkhandzi.

Atsi nakabuyela ehhovisi ayibone lendvodza emolini yayo ikanye nalenye indvodza.

Atsi asefa bucalu idvume imoto kuphume indvodza ibheke enshonalanga. Isuke nemoto yenyuke ingene emgwacweni lomkhulu.

"Ngumhlolo wami lona yehhoni! Naku ngitsenga bulima ekuseni nje. Ngentanjani nyalo? Ngilandzela muphi kulabantfu lababili ngobe ngudowo nalowo shengatsi kukhona lapho angangisita khona kulenkanga yami?"

Agijime abheke lapho emise khona i-valiant yakhe, efike aphoseke ngekhati ayishaye ivuke icondze emgwacweni lomkhulu. Anyatsele emafutsa, enyuse lidolobha ate eme eGeorge hhotela. Aphume ayingayinge afunana nalemoto kepha angayitfo. Ajike abuyele edolobheni. Akhandze imoto lefana nalena layicoshako ime ebhaleni lelingasesiteshini semabhasi, kepha lemoto inelombolo talapha eSwatini, SD 007 IM.

Ehle adle umyingayingana edvule nalemoto ngenhloso yekubona umtseto wayo, kepha angaboni lutfo bese ungena ebhaleni. Atitsete ngalabandzako, atihambise shengatsi kute lokwentekile. Atsenge sikotela sabhiya anatse bume.

Asanatsa bhiya wakhe abone indvodza lefana nalena layifunako iphuma endlini lencane. Lendvodza ayibone kutsi icishe ifane ncamashi nalendvodza layifunako ngaphandle kwekutsi lena inemphandle lushashadvu, ifake emafalikiki akanokusho, futsi yembetse lokwehlukile kuloku bekwembetfwe ngulenyoni yakhe. Iphume lendvodza icondze emotweni lebovu ishayele ibheke enshonalanga.

Superintendent Langwenya umancikancika, akati kutsi uyamlandzela yini lomfokati nome cha-ke. Lokwenta kutsi angakwati kuncuma ngekusheshisa kwekutsi ute ngisho nalobuncane bufakazi bebucala lobentiwe nome lobentiwa ngulomfokati, futsi ute liciniso mbamba kutsi lendvodza yelunanyule enhloko ngiyo lena layibone ekuseni wayisola kungatsi inlubata.

"Liciniso kutsi lomsebenti lengibhekene nawo wemadvodza, uyingoti lenkhulu ngobe tigebengu nakanjani tihlomile kantsi futsi nje tigebengu tanyalo atisikiti kepha tishaya enyameni ngekuphatima kweliso."

"Nx! Sekingenteka nome yini mani kepha lomfokati ngisafuna kugadvulisana naye", kubalisa Fokisi Langwenya. Agcume ahlale esondvweni le-Valiant yakhe, iphume iphoseke ibheke enshonalanga.

Atsi uma ehla ngemgwaco, abone imoto lefana nalena layicoshako iphambuka ngesancele, ayilandzele. Inyamalale ngasesiteshini semabhasi lesidzala.

Ashayele ngemandla lamakhulu Fokisi Langwenya. Angene ebhaleni eMkhiweni. Ayibone lemoto yalendvodza. Emise imoto yakhe ahlale ekhatsi, adle ematsambo engcondvo. Agcine aphumile emotweni angene ebhaleni. Atsenge sikotela sabhiya, anatse. Acalate ebhaleni ngekuhlakanipha nangekucophelela lokufihla inhloso yakhe.

Etfuke kabi Fokisi Langwenya nakayibona lendvodza layifunako inalena beyinayo ekuseni, kepha lenyoni yakhe seyifake likepisi lelimhlophe kanye nemagogosi.

Kusona leso sikhshana lenyamatane isukume ingene endlini lencane. Lendvodza lenye nayo ilandzele ngasona leso sikhshana.

Fokisi Langwenya aphindze ashaye ova abite labanye bofokisi lebekadze ababite nga-ova kutsi bete batekumsita ekubopheni labantfu labasolako. Ngaleso sikhatsi labofokisi babhace budze budvute nasebhaleni. Batsi kube beve babitwa nga-ova batsleka ngekuphatima kweliso. Bahlome bonkhe ngemavolovolo kepha ungeke wawabona ngobe yimihlala khikhini.

"Ngiso-ke sikhatsi sekutsi ngisale sengisebenta", akhulume yedvwa fokisi Langwenya. Afake sandla ekhikhini kuva kutsi sibhamu sakhe sisekhona yini. Akhandze sisekhona. Asibambe ngekhatshi ekhikhini silindzele kudubula. Atihambahambise asondzele endlini lencane. Atsi angafika emnyango atsi khwimilili, ayibone ingoti yekuvula sivalo ngobe esaba kutsi hleze letigebengu tihlomile. Akhiphe livolovolo lakhe aliphatse ngesandla alindzele ingoti. Anyonyobe agege indlu lencane aye efasitelweni. Afike ahlale ngemholjana. Awabone lamadvodza emile abala imali abeke phasi emasutukesi lamancane. Nguleyo ndvodza iphetse livolovolo.

Fokisi Langwenya adubule ngelifasitelo kepha angete abona kutsi inhlavu yakhe ishayo kuphi.

Kuwona lawo inzuzwana adubulile, tigebengu tavulela emanti tetama kubulala bufakazi ngekuhambisa lamaphaselanyana kanye nalemali kepha konkhe loku kwafane kwandanda ebhodweni. Ngeku-cwabita kweliso fokisi Langwenya watsleka endlini lencane akhefutela afome amanti nte. Wakhandza kusuke lomkhulu umgudvugudvu bofokisi betama kufasa ngabozankosi letigebengu letibili lebetingakatibeki phasi, tilwa, tikobha tikhahlela. Naye fokisi Langwenya wafike walwa etama kuncoba nekufasa letigebengu. Inyoni yakhe yaye yashelela yawa kwandiza iwigi kwasala lunanyula enhloko, kwaphuma ematinyo ekufakwa kwafahlaka

nemafalikiki. Kwaba litfuba lakhe fokisi Langwenya lekufasa lendvodza bekasolo alandzelane nayo cishe ema-awa lamatsatfu. Wenyula emaphaselanyana kanye nencumbi yemali ebhodweni lemhoyi; watsatsa nemasutukesi, wabutsa emavolovolo lamabili nalewigi, nematinyo ekufakwa, netinentu temafalikiki. Tiboshwa tachutjwa tafakwa emotweni yabofokisi lebeyi bhaciswe emvakwetindlu.