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SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

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COURSE CODE: ENG 103 / IDE-ENG 103

COURSE NAME: Introduction to the Study of Literature

DURATION: Two hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer TWO questions, one from each section.
2. All the questions carry equal marks.
3. Make sure you proofread your answers to eliminate grammatical and conventional errors and thus lose marks.
4. **Do not repeat material or write about the same text more than once.**
5. The paper is 3 pages long, cover page included.

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SECTION A – THEORY

Question 1

With reference to either Neighbours /or two short stories prescribed for the course, discuss the advantages of employing a third person omniscient point of view in depicting incidents and portraying characters. [30]

Question 2

- a) Briefly discuss the plot of a Shakespearean tragedy such as Macbeth. [10]
- b) The presence of a villain is a characteristic feature of a Shakespearean tragedy:
 - i) Identifying the villain in Macbeth, discuss what is meant by the term or designation. [4]
 - ii) Discuss the role of this character in Macbeth. [16]

Question 3

Focusing on Viola in Twelfth Night, discuss the portrayal of a protagonist in Shakespearean comedy. [30]

SECTION B – PRACTICAL CRITICISM

Question 4

“By interweaving the past and present through the use of flashback in Neighbours, Lilia Mompote portrays Mozambique as characterised by a fragmented society.” Identify and discuss any two aspects of this fragmentation. [30]

Question 5

“In ‘Beggar My Neighbour’ Jacobson depicts the disparities enforced by the racial divide between blacks and whites in South Africa during the apartheid era.”

- a) Identify and discuss the characters through whom the racial divide is outlined. [20]
- b) In your opinion, what seems to be Jacobson’s amicable solution to the racial divide and its resultant disparities as suggested especially by the story’s ending? [10]

Question 6

Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow it:

O, then unfold the passion of my love,
Surprise her with discourse of my dear faith.
It shall become thee well to act my woes;
She will attend it better in thy youth
Than in a nuncio’s of more grave aspect.

- a) Identify the text and the characters involved in the speech. [3]
- b) Rewrite the speech in your own words. [5]
- c) Briefly highlight the context in which the speech is made. [5]
- d) Discuss how the characters meet and the errand entrusted to one of the characters along with the manner she/he handles it. [17]

Question 7

Identify and discuss the instances of Macbeth’s placing faith in the witches’ equivocations which eventually leads to his downfall and tragic death in Macbeth. [30]

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