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SECOND SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATION

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TITLE OF PAPER : TOPICS IN LINGUISTICS AND LITERARY STUDIES

COURSE CODE : ENG 408

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper is divided into **two sections; Section A: Literature, and Section B: Language & Linguistics.**
2. Answer **THREE** questions in all. Answer **one** question from **Section A** and **one** from **Section B**. Choose the **third** question from **either** Section A or Section B.
3. Each question carries 20 marks. The total marks for the examination is 60 marks.
4. Do not repeat material or write about the same text at length more than once.
5. Candidates are not allowed to bring any reading material into the examination room.
6. Correct use of English and literary conventions will be rewarded, and the contrary will be penalised.
7. Each section must be answered in its own answer booklet.

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SECTION A: LITERARY STUDIES

1. Both Senghor and P'Bitek seek to re-instate the lost culture of their communities. Using examples from their poetry compare their approach and style. [20 MARKS]
2. Achebe took Joseph Conrad to task for suggesting that Africa has a corrupting influence on Europeans in Heart of Darkness. How does Achebe seek to correct this view in Things Fall Apart? [20 MARKS]

SECTION B: LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

3. Make a comparison of the three dialects of English: British English, American English and Swazi English in order to show how they manifest variation in terms of phonology, orthography and lexis. [20 MARKS]
4. Discuss the pre and post modification within the English Noun Phrase using 5 different pre and/ or post modifying elements. Illustrate your answer using examples. [20 MARKS]