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END OF SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATION BELLE 1
LIT3122 THE GROWTH OF AFRICAN LITERATURE

Date: Wednesday 24th May 2023

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

INSTRUCTIONS : Answer a total of 3 Questions. Question 1, Section A is Compulsory.

SECTION A

1. Read the following poem and answer the Questions that follow.

PSALM 23 , Part 11

The State is my shepherd, I shall not want ; it makes me to lie down in a subsidized house.
It leads me into political tranquility; it restores my faith in a lucrative future.
It leads me into paths of loans and pensions, for its International reputation's sake.
Yea, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of Kivvulu I will fear no Kondos ;
For the State is with me, its tanks and guns comfort me.
It preserves for me a bank account, in the presence of devaluation;
It fills my pocket with allowances, my salary overflows.
Surely increments and promotion shall follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in senior staff quarters for ever.

Timothy Wangusa (Uganda)

SECTION A

Question 1: 40 MARKS

- i. Explain the meaning of the phrase, 'The State is my shepherd. **5 marks**'
- ii. In what ways does Wangusa employ Satire to deliver his themes to the reader? **5 marks**
- iii. Analyse the total effect of biblical allusion. **10 marks**
- iv. What does the persona feel about dwelling in staff quarters for life? **10 marks**

- v. Analyse how the poet explores contemporary social-political issues of post-independence times. **10 marks**

SECTION B. ANSWER 2 QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

2. How does Mongo Beti use Satire to reveal the evils of Colonialism in *The Poor Christ of Bomba* ?
3. In what ways is Achebe successful at correcting the false images that 'expatriate' writers had depicted about Africa in *Things Fall Apart*?
4. Analyse the theme of Resistance to Colonial Rule in Ngugi and Micere's *The Trial of Dedan Kimathi*.
5. Using a Novel OR a Play of your choice, explain how the author or playwright explores contemporary themes of post-independence times.

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