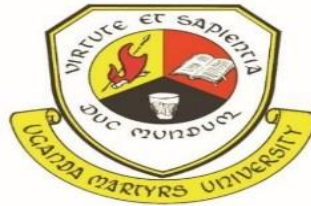


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LIT 3312: ASPECTS OF POETRY

END OF SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS

Instructions

Attempt any four questions

Start each question on a fresh page

1. “Poets like other literary artists have messages they want to convey to their readers through poems” by referring to two poems which you have read and appreciated, explain four messages from each poem. **(25 marks)**
2. With reference to two poems you are familiar with comment on the poet’s use of figurative language .Explain four examples from each poem. **(25 marks)**
3. Why is poetry referred to as a unique gesture of literature from other gestures like novel **(25marks)**
4. a) Discuss the importance of paraphrasing in poetry **(12 marks)**
b) Explain the various tips of reading a poem **(13 marks)**
5. *Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow: -*

CRAZY PETER PRATTLES

So what is the mountain deal
about the minister's ailing son
that he makes boiling news?

How come it was not whispered?
When Tina's hospital bed crawled with maggots
and her eyes oozed pus
because the doctors lacked gloves?

What about Kasajja's only child
who died because the man with the key
to the oxygen room was on leave?

I have seen queues
of emaciated mothers clinging to
babies with translucent skins
faint in line
and the lioness of a nurse
commanding tersely
"Get up or leave the line"

Didn't I hear it rumored that
the man with the white mane
and black robes
whose mouth stores the justice of the land

ushered a rape case out of court
because the seven-year-old
failed to testify?

Anyway, I only remember these things
when I drink,
they are indeed tipsy explosion

Susan Nalugwa Kiguli

- (a) What problems are highlighted in the poem about the state of health care?
- (b) What is the significance of the rhetorical question in the first stanza?
- (c) Pick out any two images in this poem and explain their significance
- (d) (i) Identify the problem that the fifth stanza deals with

(ii) How does this connect with the problems in the previous stanzas?
- (e) Explain the meaning of the following words as they are used in the poem
 - (i) Oozed
 - (ii) Emaciated.....
 - (iii) Translucent
- (f) What is the significance of the last stanza?

6. *Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.*

I MET A THIEF

On the beach, on the coast,
Under the idle, whispers coconut towers,
Before the growling, foaming, waves,
I met a thief, who guessed I had
An innocent heart for her to steal.

She took my hand and led me under,
The intimate cashew boughs which shaded
The downy grass and peeping weeds
She jumped and plucked the nuts for me to suck:
She sang and laughed and pressed close

I gazed; her hair was like the wool of a mountain sheep,
Her eyes, a pair of brown –black beans floating in milk.
Juicy and round as plantain shoots
Her legs, arms and neck:
And like wine-gourds her pillowy breasts:
Her throat uttered fresh banana juice:
Matching her face-smooth and banana-ripe.

I touched-but long I even tasted,

My heart had flowed from me into her beast:

And then she went-high and south-

And left my carcass roasting in thee

- a) Who is the persona? (2 marks)
- b) What is the relevance of the title? (3 marks)
- c) Paraphrase the last stanza (5 marks)
- d) Identify and explain the significance of the three stylist devices employed in the poem (6 marks)
- e) Of what race is the 'thief' in the poem? How do you justify your response? (3 marks)
- f) Explain the meaning of the line 'an innocent heart for her to steal' (5 marks)
- g) Identify one economic activity portrayed in the poem (1 mark)

7. *Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow:*

THE PROSTITUTE

There I see her coming

With borrowed steps

Like a coward ghost

Out of grass covered graveyard

She comes

Bearing no more

That attractive dames

Cover like soft babes

These

She has exposed
to bitter weather
and lusty eyes.

There I see her coming
like a nestles bird
that enters any nest
for a transient stay
at times
finding snakes
or hostile hawks

There I see her coming
like a black jack
a poisonous pest
that infects the city's plantation
diseasing the young
and old plant

There I see her
coiling herself around
tourists and bosses
like a parasitic
climbing plant

There I see her coming
from the back door

like a forged coin
that assumes the high value
yet always hounded by spies

I stand to see her
when the forged coin is found
when the immigration birds
are back in their nests
or when the dog
that it constantly feeds on
is washed with DDT
or when the dog is dead
on a tarmac road
and when the stems are cut
in the dry windy season

- a)** Name four things the person referred to as ‘her’ has been likened to. *(4 marks)*
- b)** What is the main theme of the poem? Explain with suitable examples *(6 marks)*
- c)** What is the attitude of the poet towards the subject of the poem? Illustrate using words or phrase from the poem? *(5 marks)*
- d)** Identify three stylistic devices used in the poem and show their effectiveness in bringing out the poet’s message. *(6 marks)*
- (e)** Explain the meaning of the last stanza – what mood does it express? *(4 marks)*

