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DRAMA AND POETRY [ 100 Marks ]

Write your name and index number in the spaces provided at the top right-hand corner of this paper:

Answer four questions in all: one question from each section.

Credit will be given for answers written in good English.

All questions carry equal marks.

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#### SECTION A

### AFRICAN DRAMA

Answer one question only from this section.

JAMES NGUGI: The Black Hermit

- 1. Comment on the theme of marriage in the play.
- 2. "The Black Hermit portrays post-independence disillusionment." Discuss.

WOLE SOYINKA: The Lion and the Jewel

- 3. Examine the use of symbols in the play.
- 4. How does Lakunle's first meeting with Sidi contribute to the development of the plot?

## SECTION B

## Non-African Drama

Answer one question only from this section.

## RICHARD B. SHERIDAN: The Rivals

- 5. Discuss the significance of humour in the play.
- 6. How does the relationship between Lydia and Captain Absolute contribute to the plot?

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## T. S. ELIOT: Murder in the Cathedral

- 7. Discuss the theme of suffering in the play.
- 8. Discuss the dramatic significance of the speeches of the chorus and the priests which herald the return of the Archbishop.

#### SECTION C

#### AFRICAN POETRY

Answer one question only from this section.

- 9. Discuss the poet's use of diction in "Freetown".
- Examine the elements of culture and their significance in J. P. Clark's "Abiku".

## SECTION D

#### NON-AFRICAN POETRY

Answer one question only from this section.

- 11. What aspects of the character of Ulysses are conveyed in "Ulysses"?
- 12. Discuss the theme of love in "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning".