

**PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**FORM FOUR MIDTERM EXAMINATION**

**024**

**LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

**Time: 3:00 Hours**

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**Instructions**

1. This paper consists of section A, B and C with a total of eleven questions (11).
2. Answer all questions in section A and B and two questions from section C
3. Section A carries sixteen (16) marks, section B carries (54 marks) and section C carries (30 marks)

**SECTION A (16 MARKS)**

1. For each of items (I)-(X) choose the correct answer from the given alternatives and write its letter beside the item number in the answer booklets provided.
  - i. Why is literature referred to as a mirror of the society?
    - A. People in the society produce it
    - B. Certain people in the society own it
    - C. It reflects what happens in the society
    - D. It helps people to be strong economically
    - E. It is sold and bought by people
  - ii. Which one of the following distinguish literature from other works of arts like drawing
    - A. Creativity
    - B. Aesthetic
    - C. Originality
    - D. Application
    - E. Diction
  - iii. You reading a novel and you reach a point where the characters are involved in serious conflict which stage of the plot is this?
    - A. Climax stage
    - B. Resolution stage
    - C. Rising action stage
    - D. Falling action stage
    - E. Exposition stage
  - iv. Literature artists sometimes skip certain events or incidents in presenting their messages for the audience to become curious which literary term do we use to refer such state
    - A. Anxiety
    - B. Exposition
    - C. Conflict
    - D. Suspense
    - E. Protest

- v. How do the novels differ from plays?  
 A. They are well organized  
 B. They are in chapters  
 C. They are orally presented  
 D. They are for society  
 E. They educate society
- vi. How are the people who are involved in various events and incidents in the novel are called?  
 A. Actress  
 B. Actors  
 C. Persona  
 D. Narrators  
 E. Characters
- vii. Beside language use, what else is artistic in literature?  
 A. Themes  
 B. Lessons  
 C. Setting  
 D. Relevance  
 E. Philosophy
- viii. Which device is technically referred to as the repetition of initial consonant sounds in the study of literature?  
 A. Symbolism  
 B. Alliteration  
 C. Flashback  
 D. Satire  
 E. Metaphor
- ix. Why does literature use characters?  
 A. Literature requires protagonists and antagonists  
 B. Both characters and literature are imaginary in nature  
 C. Literature is based on human characters  
 D. Characters are the agents of events and incidents  
 E. Literature reflects how characters behave
- x. Refers to the mental picture we get in our brain after reading a literary work  
 A. Language device  
 B. Satire  
 C. Irony  
 D. Imagery  
 E. Euphemism

2. Match the descriptions of narratives in List A with the type of narrative in List B by writing the letter of the correct response beside the corresponding item number in the answer booklet (s) provided.

LIST A	LIST B
i) A novel which focuses on crime, usually a murder. The main character normally tries to deal with the crime. The author uses descriptive writing to create suspense and often on atmosphere of danger. This type of novel has a memorable character and an exciting plot.	A. Fantasy B. Historical C. Romantic D. Mystery E. Science fiction
ii) A novel with imaginative content, but is based on scientific facts, theories, principles and technological elements to support its settings, characters, themes and plot	F. Novelette G. Novel
iii) A novel whose central theme is magic. It employs a magical setting or plot, magical creatures, supernatural elements and anything that the author can consider which is outside reality. For example, the author can use witches, elves, goblins, sorcerers, dwarves and fairies.	
iv) A novel that narrates events that belong to a period prior to the time of writing. It attempts to convey the spirit,	

	manners and social conditions of the past. It may deal with actual historical or a mixture of fictional and historical characters.	
v)	A novel which focuses primarily on developing romantic relationships between males and females. It has a conflict that challenges the relationship that needs to be resolved. It basically ends with an emotionally satisfying and optimistic conclusion	
vi)	Is the longest of all narrative prose and usually has more characters, themes and conflicts than any other types of fiction and has about 40,000 or more words.	

### SECTION B (54 MARKS)

3. How does literature differ from other disciplines like history and Geography in the following aspects
  - i. Language use
  - ii. People involved
  - iii. Events and incidents
  - iv. Setting
- a) Briefly justify why literature is believed to be
  - i. A product of the society
  - ii. A product for the society
4. When studying literature in English, we normally deal with the concept of characters and characterization. Characters are the participants or people found in literary works while characterization is the process of identifying and analyzing character. As a form four student, explain six criteria for describing characters in literary work
5. Write a term that stands for each of the following descriptions
  - i. The songs sung to soothe babies
  - ii. The song of lamentation sung at the funeral of someone by mourners.
  - iii. The artistic phrase whose meaning are not clear from the individual words
  - iv. The short artistic wise sayings meant to educate the audience
  - v. The short stories which are not based on facts often with animals as character and convey moral lesson.
  - vi. The interesting and amusing stories about a person or events.
6. Write short notes on the following literary terms
  - i. Rhythm
  - ii. Rhyme
  - iii. Personification
  - iv. Paradox
  - v. Oxymoron
  - vi. Irony

7. Assume you are reading a literary work such novel, play or poetry and you meet the following statements below, what kind of language use or figures of speech they might be :-
- I have poured the waters of my soul to wash your feet  
.....
  - Baroka is a greedy dog .....
  - My husband's manhood ended nearly a week ago .....
  - The sun has gone to Chiolu.....
  - You are as stubborn as illiterate goat .....
  - I know you don't drink alcohol because your grandfather drunk your share .....
8. a) When studying literature, plot is very important aspect or element of form to put into consideration like any other elements of form and content. What do you understand by the term plot?
- b) With the aid of a well labelled diagram, briefly explain five stage of plot structure.

### SECTION C (30 MARKS )

Answer two (2) questions from this section.

#### LIST OF READINGS.

##### PLAYS:

- ❖ The Lion and the Jewel-Soyinka, W
- ❖ The Trials of Brother Jero- Soyinka, W
- ❖ The Dilemma of a Ghost- Aidoo,A,A.
- ❖ The Government inspector- Gogol,N.

##### NOVELS:

- ❖ A walk in the Night and other stories - Guma,A.
- ❖ House – Oyono, F.
- ❖ The Oldman ant The Medal - Oyono, F.
- ❖ The concubine- Amadi,E.

##### POETRY:

- ❖ Selected poems-TIE.
- ❖ Growing up with poetry-David Rubadiri

9. African playwrights write about cultural practices and their negative effects on society. Using the knowledge of two plays read, show the truth of this statement by giving three points from each play.
10. Colonialism in Africa had many negative effects compared to positive ones. By using two novels read show the evils of colonialism in Africa. Give three points from each novel.
11. Women are always portrayed negatively by many playwrights. However, they play an important role in their society and have positive contribution to their respective society. Discuss the positive contribution of women in the society by using two plays that you have studied under this section. Give three points for each play.