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MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

**ENG434: Literary Stylistics (3CR)**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3Hours**

**INSTRUCTION(S): Answer Question 1 and any other 3**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer **THREE** questions. Clarity and good organisation will be rewarded.

1. (a) What is stylistics? What is Style? Give two definitions of each.  
(b) Write short notes on the following:
  - Style as Choice;
  - Style as the Individual;
  - Style as Period or Time;
  - Style as Situation.
2. What do you understand by Linguistic Stylistics? Identify and explain with an example each the five features of Linguistic Stylistics.
3. (a) Simpson (1997) contends that “there is no such thing as a literary language”. Critically examine this view, especially in the light of those who have a contrary opinion.  
(b) Identify and explain the 5 features of the language of prose fiction.
4. What is drama? Write short notes on the following, with at least one example each:
  - I. The language of drama;
  - II. The nature of drama;
  - III. Dramatic Irony;
  - IV. Soliloquy
5. (a) What is a Sentence? How many types are there? State with copious examples.

(b) What is Rankshifting? What are the 5 characteristics of Rankshifting?