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MARCH/APRIL 2015 EXAMINATION

ENG416: Creative Writing III (2E)

TIME: 1½ HOURS INSTRUCTION: Answer **TWO** questions. Clarity and good organisation will be rewarded. No. 1 is **COMPULSORY**

1. What are Surface Changes? What are Meaning Changes? (10 Marks)

1b. Carry out Surface and Meaning Changes in the passage below. You are free to add another paragraph, making the story fuller and more interesting. Be as creative as you can be.

As he broke the kola, Unoka prayed to their ancestors for life and health, and for protection for their enemies. When they have eaten they talks about many things: about the heavy rains which were drowning the yams, about the next ancestral fast and ... Unoka was never happy when it came to wars. He was in fact a coward and could not bear the sight of blood. And so he changed the subject and talks about, and his face beams. He could hear in his mind's e... the blood-stirring and intricate rhythms of the ekwe and the and the ..., and he could hear his own flute weaving in and out of them, decorating them with a colorful and plaintive tune. The total effect was gay and brisk, but if one picked out the flute as it went up and down and then broke up into short snatches, one saw that there was sorrow and grief there. (Excerpt from Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*). (25 Marks)

2. What is an Expository Essay? Write short notes on the five methods of Expository writing.

(15 Marks)

2b. What is an Argumentative Essay? Write for or against **one** of the topics below:

- a. The Production and Sale of Cigarettes Should Be Made Illegal
- b. Death Penalty Will Lower Crime Rates
- c. Romantic Love is a Poor Basis for Marriage

(20 Marks)

3. What are the 5 Skills Necessary to be a Good Creative Writer? (10 Marks)

3b. Write on **one** of the Narrative Essays below. Your story **must** include the following 5 literary features: plot, setting, characterization, theme, and point of view.

- a. 5 Things I Cannot Live Without
 - b. The Best News I Ever Received
 - c. If I Have 5 Million Naira
 - d. Something I Wish I Had
- (25 Marks)

4. Write brief notes on the following types of novels, with examples for each:

- a. Epistolary Novel
 - b. Magic/Marvellous Realism Novel
 - c. The Sociological Novel
 - d. The Picaresque Novel
 - e. The Psychological Novel
- (20 Marks)

4b. Who wrote the following texts:

- a. Kurunmi
 - b. Midnight Hotel
 - c. She Stoops to Conquer
 - d. The Trials of Brother Jero
 - e. A Midsummer's Night Dream
 - f. Echoes from the Lagoon
 - g. The Trial of Christopher Okigbo
 - h. A Passage to India
 - i. Chief the Honourable Minister
 - j. Beautiful Feathers
 - k. Nostrono
 - l. Ulysses
 - m. Mrs. Dalloway
 - n. War and Peace
 - o. The Mill on the Floss
- (15 Marks)