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**LAGOS**

**OCTOBER 2013 EXAMINATIONS**

**School of Arts and Social Sciences**

**COURSE CODE: ENG434**

**COURSE TITLE: Literary Stylistics**

**CREDIT UNIT: (3C)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any THREE questions.**

1. What is an idiom? Give the idiomatic meanings of the following expressions:
  - I. A bird In the hand Is worth two in the bush
  - II. A blessing in disguise
  - III. A doubting Thomas
  - IV. A fool and his money are easily parted
  - V. A house divided against itself cannot stand
  - VI. A leopard cannot change his spots
  - VII. A penny saved is a penny earned
  - VIII. Actions speak louder than words
  - IX. All bark and no bite
  - X. Beating around the bush **(23 Marks)**
2. (a) What is a Phrase? What is a Noun Phrase?  
1. (b) What does (M) H (Q) mean in a Noun Phrase?  
Identify the (M) H (Q) in the following sentences.
  - i. An influential man to watch in our political circle
  - ii. The very tall education consultant with the roving eye
  - iii. A bleating goat disturbs the neighbourhood peace
  - iv. The boy with the big brown eyes gazes out of the window
  - v. Christmas holiday is fast approaching
  - vi. The cook in the red apron is asking of you. **(23 marks)**
3. What is a clause? Identify *adverbial, adjectival and noun clauses in the following sentences:*
  - i. The cleaner says she left the printer cartridge where she always leaves it
  - ii. Students who are intelligent get good grades.
  - iii. Tommy scrubbed the bathroom tile until his arms ached.
  - iv. Pizza, which most people love, is not very healthy.
  - v. When I drop my hand, jump over the line.
  - vi. Josephine's three cats bolted from the driveway once they saw her car turn the corner.
  - vii. I know someone whose father served in World War II.
  - viii. It pleased her parents that she worked hard for the whole term
  - ix. The idea that the teacher should dominate in the classroom is unacceptable.
  - x. I believe that everything happens for a reason. **(23 marks)**
4. (a) Not exceeding 90 words, describe what you know as drama.  
(b) What is Dramatic Irony? Narrate its use in the play, The Gods Are Not To Blame.  
(c) What is an Allegory? Narrate its use in John Bunyan's The Pilgrims' Progress.

5. (a) What is Poetry? Give the names of 5 poets you know.  
(b) Write short notes, with 2 examples each, of the poetic forms below:  
i. Lyric poem  
ii. Narrative Poetry  
iii. Didactic Poetry