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Literature

In English

Paper 1

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2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES;

This paper consists of three examination items. It has two sections **A** and **B.**

Section A has **one compulsory** item.

There are two examination items in section B. Answer one item.

Answer t**wo** examination items in all.

Any additional items answered will not be scored.

All answers **must** be written in the answer booklet provided.

SECTION A

Item 1

Things are difficult here, and my daughter why can't you go back home this place is no good for you.' Olugo yawned and then looked silently at Margret. Margaret just smiled it off.' We are grateful for your visit," he continued. "You may come to visit us again in future. You have seen how we stay here, it is hard but you have tried. What I am saying is that this place is still very insecure. It needs those who are used to it persevere I beseech you to go back for a while. When things become normal you can then come to see us again'.

Olugo paused to allow the impact of his argument to sink into his listener. He looked at Margaret directly, trying to imagine her response to what he had just said. Margaret just chuckled softly in an obdurate manner. 'Have you got what I said Olugo asked calmly.

'I will go but in three weeks ', Margaret replied.

'But don't take it that we are chasing you from here .My worry is about your life, it is very risky here .Go back home for a while.'

'At home I am so miserable,' Margaret said

'What makes you miserable?' asked Olugo, confused.

'I don't know, but somehow I feel I am happier here.'

Abila and Oduka came. Oduka was upset with the way Olugo was growing fond of his daughter's rival.

'You are welcome,' Olugo invited them. Margaret got up swiftly, went inside the hut and brought two chairs for the visitors. She placed them adjacent to Olugo and his wife, then knelt down and greeted them. Oduka, however, answered grudgingly.

'Let us go to the back of the hut,' Awino instructed Margaret after the two of them had settled down.

'No; 'Margaret pretended.

'He is the father of the girl Obina is to marry. He is a witch and I don't want him to harm you in any way. We are unfortunate because he used to be a very good man before he joined the company of the witches.'

'Is James going to marry his daughter?' Margaret asked.

Extracted from **LAURY LAWRENCE OCEN:** ***The Alien Woman***

Tasks;

a) After reading any literary text we get a clue of what it is about through the words, the characters, the themes and setting. Explain what the above extract is about.

b) Characters in literature are often defined by specific features that shape their actions and choices. Referring to one of the set books you have studied, identify the character traits of Margaret and Olugo

c) Authors use various literary devices to enhance their storytelling, explain characters' behaviour and emphasize themes. Identify any two literary devices used and explain their importance.

d) Characters' emotions and the mood of a passage can deeply affect how readers connect with a story. Describe the feelings experienced by Margaret in the extract.

SECTION B

Choose one task in this Section and respond to it with illustrations from one of the texts you have read in your class and listed below.

- WIILIAM SHAKESPEARE: The Merchant of Venice
- FRANCIS IMBUGA: The Return of Mgofu
- SYLVESTER ONZIVUA: The Heart Soothers
- OKIYA OMTATAH OKOITI: Voice of the People
- JOHN STEINBECK: The PearlS
- LAWRENCE DARMANI: Grief Child
- VICTOR BYABAMAZIMA: Shadows of Time
- CHINUA ACHEBE: Things Fall Apart
- DANIEL MENGARA: Mema
- DAVID RUBADIRI: Growing up with Poetry
- A.D. AMATESHE: An Anthology of East African Poetry

Either

Item 2

Characters do things. Their decisions may be successful or disastrous. Their end might be tragic or happy. As a result, they teach us a lot about our life and theirs. Because they resemble real people in our daily lives, we learn a lot from them. Support this statement with one character from a selected text or poem.

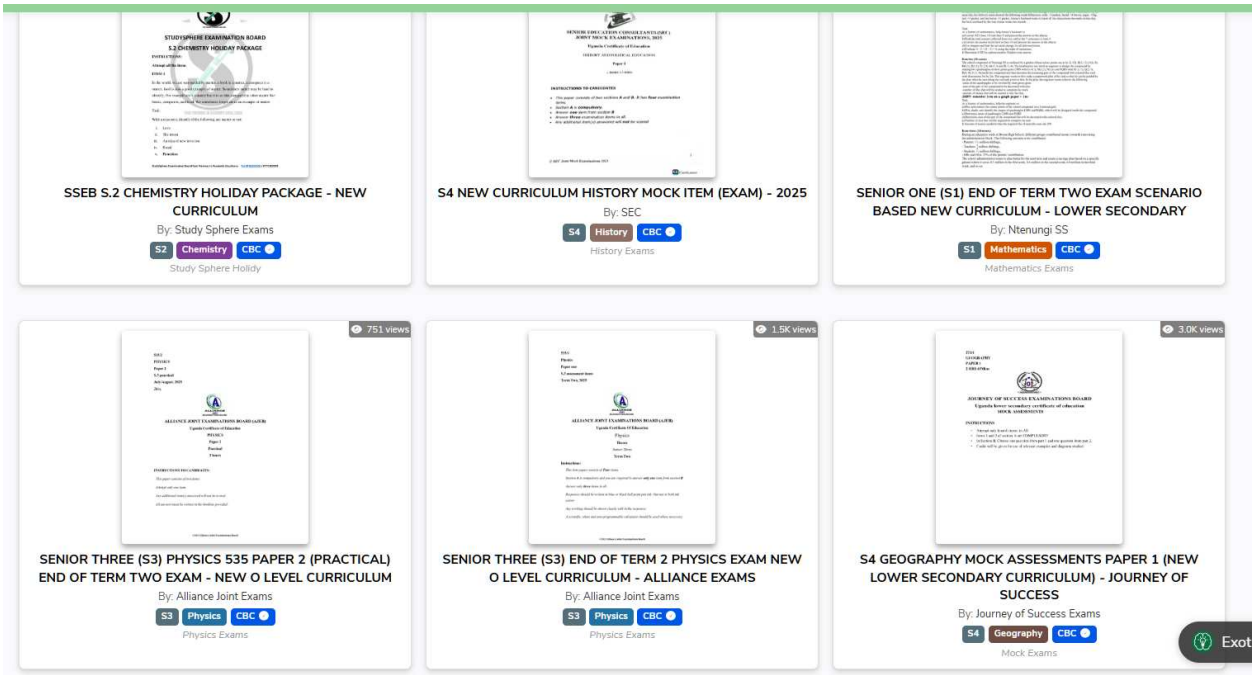
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Item 3

Stories often leave readers with important teachings about life, society, or human nature. There are different issues or ideas presented in these stories. With reference to one of the books studied, identify the main themes and how they are developed.

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