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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN LITERATURE

ALT 501: AFRICAN POETRY

DATE: 16/12/2022

TIME: 9:00 – 12:00

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and other TWO questions in this paper

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

With the use of ample illustrations, examine the features of Negritude poetry.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

African poetry is characterised by concretised images of flora and fauna. Discuss.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

With reference to adequate examples, evaluate the significance of the use of totems in African poetry.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using adequate examples of poems/poets, examine the efficacy of African poetry in voicing issues of women in the continent.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

With reference to Lusophone poetry, demonstrate the debilitating effects of violence on both the individual and the society at large.