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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:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

This paper consists of FIVE questions

Answer question ONE and other TWO questions in this paper

Section A: (Compulsory)

1. With the use of ample illustrations, examine the features of Negritude poetry.
(20 marks)

Section B

2. African poetry is characterised by concretised images of flora and fauna. Discuss.
(20marks)
3. With reference to adequate examples, evaluate the significance of the use of totems in African poetry.
(20marks)

4. Using adequate examples of poems/poets, examine the efficacy of African poetry in voicing issues of women in the continent. (20marks)
5. With reference to Lusophone poetry, demonstrate the debilitating effects of violence on both the individual and the society at large. (20marks)