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FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

ALT 0101: LANGUAGE USE IN LITERATURE

DATE: SCHOOLBASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Describe the properties of the language used in literature (10 marks)
- b) Using suitable examples, explain how literature uses language in the following different levels. (10 marks)
 - i) Semantics
 - ii) Lexis
 - iii) Pragmatics
 - iv) Syntax
 - v) Morphology

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

With relevant examples differentiate

- i) 'content words' from 'function words' (6 marks)
- ii) 'literary language' from 'ordinary language' (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the significance of ‘silences’ and ‘pauses’ in literature (10 marks)
- b) Read the oral song below and answer the questions that follow

My brother's death has crushed my heart
My brother has left me at crossroads
My brother has left me hanging over the fire like a parcel of meat to dry
But a parcel of meat over the fire will still have somebody to touch it
Death has turned me up like cocoyam and peeled off my tubers
My left hand has turned to my back
Death has turned me into bitterness itself
My mirror is broken
My own is past.

Questions

- i) Summarize the message of this song? (2 marks)
- ii) Explain the use of imagery in line one (2 marks)
- iii) What do you understand by” My left hand has turned to my back” as used in the song? (2 marks)
- iv) Which images portray the speaker's helplessness? (2 marks)
- iv) Give this oral song an appropriate title and explain the reason for that title. (2 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

With suitable examples and proper explanation, discuss the following forms of literary devices.

- i) Personification
- ii) Hyperbole
- iii) Metonymy
- iv) Paradox
- v) Allegory

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

With close reference to any ONE text discussed in this course, differentiate the following terms:

- i) Aphorism and Euphemism
- ii) Point of View and figure of speech
- iii) Antagonist and protagonist
- iv) Analogy and Theme
- v) Satire and soliloquy