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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KLT 2307 SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE

Date: 14th August 2024
Time: 8.30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explore the characteristics of South African (SA) Literature. (8 Marks)
- b) Highlight **five** thematic concerns that stand out in Maxwell Coetzee's *Disgrace*. (5 Marks)
- c) "**Colour** is an ugly mask of the apartheid regime. It is even uglier than the face of torture behind bars." Analyze this statement in regard to South African Apartheid regime. (9 Marks)
- d) "Most of the poems of Brutus combine individual love and love for the country."
Ascertain the significance of this statement in relation to Dennis Brutus writing. (8 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) With reference to Athol Fugard's *The Blood Knot*, examine the main themes highlighted in SA drama. (10 Marks)
- b) Analyse the contribution of the Soweto and Sharpeville massacres to the advancement of SA literature. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain why it was very difficult for writers to live in SA during the apartheid regime. (10 Marks)
- b) Illustrate how the SA poetry catalyzed and revolutionized literature in SA (10 Marks).

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Reflecting on Coetzee's *Disgrace*, summarize how symbolism has been utilized stylistically to achieve certain effects. (10 Marks)
- b) Explore the manner in which South African writers utilize character and characterization to highlight South African concerns. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Ascertain how the South African language predicament hindered or contributed to the South African writer's ability to express their agency. (10 Marks)
- b) "Ethel manifests racial segregation on the surface and at a deeper level denial of political, economic humanity in an ironic manner." Elaborate this statement. (10 Marks)