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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FOR THE DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)**  
**KLT 2101-THE SHORT STORY**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.**

**QUESTIONS ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a). Illustrate the significance of symbolism in a short story. (6 Marks)
- b) "Plot is a major element of short story." Discuss this statement highlighting the role of the sub-elements of plot. (8 Marks)
- c). Illustrate **five** themes reflected in short stories you have studied in this course. (8 Marks)
- d). Examine the factors to consider when writing a short story. (8 Marks)

**QUESTIONS TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Citing examples from any story studied in this course, discuss the role of **five** characters therein. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the main factors that lead to the origin of the short story. (10 Marks)

**QUESTIONS THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) "Men are strange. Very strange," (Sarah) said eventually, in a whisper. Almost to herself." Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your view in relation to Tom Chacha, Road to Mara. (10 Marks)
- b) Using the knowledge gained in this course, write a **one-page or one-and a half-page short story** taking into account the main elements of a short story. (10 Marks)

**QUESTIONS FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Read the story *Her Only Child* by T.S. Luzuka and respond to the questions below.

**\*\*\*\*NB: ATTACHED \*\*\*\***

- i) Referring to the first two paragraphs, identify **five** words and phrases that construct the picture of a young mother at the centre of a warm domestic scene. (5 marks)
- ii) Explain how food acts as a symbol of Nalwoga's maternal and wifely feelings. (5 marks)
- iii) Towards the end of the story, the use of images of sunset, darkness, and quiet is prevalent. Describe how the images affect you as you read the story. (10 Marks)

**QUESTIONS FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) One important function of literature is to help us understand individuals in their human complexity and to go beyond commonly-held stereotypes. Illustrate from stories instances when the readers as well as the characters first reaction changes in the course of the story. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain your perception of point of view in short story. Illustrate your answers. (10 marks)