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**KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR FOURTH SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**  
**FOR THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**  
**KLT 2306-WEST AFRICAN LITERATURE**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Time: 10.30pm-11.30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the earliest forces that influenced the west African literature (10 Marks)
- b) Describe the two dominant political ideologies that influenced the West African literature (10 marks)
- c) Describe with relevant illustrations the themes dealt with in the early West African novel ( 10 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Identify and illustrate some of the Igbo cultural elements that are found in most of West African literature (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the symbolism of the title *Things Fall Apart* (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the negritude literature (10 Marks)
- b) Outline the parameters of judging a major writer (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Describe the different literary techniques utilized in West African novels you have studied in this course (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the different type of genres of literature prevalent in West African literature (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the reasons for studying the historical, cultural and political influences and experiences of the west African literature (10 Marks)
- b) Describe the character and roles of the leading characters in Wole Soyinka's *The Road*. (10 Marks)