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FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ELI 3101: THEORY OF LITERATURE AND STYLISTICS

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **one** and any other **two** questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Highlight any **three functions** of literature. (3 marks)
- b} Explain the difference among the three major types of Rhetoric determined by function according to Aristotle.
 - (i) The deliberative (2 marks)
 - (ii) Judicial/Forensic (2 marks)
 - (iii) Epideictic (2 marks)
- c} Mention the **three** major fundamental methods of **characterization** in literature (3 marks)
- d} Explain one significance of foregrounding in literature. (1 mark)
- e} Differentiate between jargon and slang language. (2 marks)
- f} Explain the meaning of the term **poetic license** as used in poetry. (1 mark)
- g} Highlight two importance of studying theory and history of literature. (2 marks)
- h} Explain the meaning of the following terms as used by Aristotle and Plato.
 - i). Catharsis . (1 mark)

ii). Mimesis . (1 mark)

i} Give **two** reasons why literary writers use borrowed words from another language in their literary texts. (2 marks)

j} With at least two examples for each, differentiate the following forms of phonological deviation as used in literature:

(i). Aphesis (2 marks)

(ii) syncope (2 marks)

k). Explain two reasons why writers use metaphors in their literary works. (2 marks)

l}. Mention any two major variables that affect the reader's response to a text according to Emmanuel Ngara (1982:14) (2 marks)

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

The choice of register depends on one's circumstances of communication. Validate this assertion. (15 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

Critically examine how **Feminist's theory** has influenced the literary work of either Mariam Ba's novella, So Long a Letter or Francis Imbuga's play Aminata or The Colour Purple by Alice Walker. (15 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

Discuss how **Classicism** has influenced African Literature. (15 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (15 MARKS)

With reference to any literary texts of your own choice differentiate the following three forms of irony as used in literature: verbal irony, dramatic irony, situational irony. Illustrate each answer with at least two examples.