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TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LITERATURE

COURSE CODE: ENG103 / IDE-ENG103

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HRS.

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. Answer TWO questions, one from each section.
 2. Each question carries 30 marks.
 3. Incorrect use of English and literary conventions will be penalized.
 4. Do not repeat material or write about the same text more than once.
 5. This paper consists of 4 pages, cover page included.

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SECTION B: PRACTICAL CRITICISM Answer ONE question

Question Four

“It may be argued that Ebenezer Scrooge in A Christmas Carol is actually an allegorical symbol than a full-bodied character.” *In not more than 3 pages, discuss this assertion in relation to his role in the novel.* [30]

Question Five

Read the following poem and answer as directed:

An African Thunderstorm

From the west
Clouds come hurrying with the wind
Turning
Sharply
Here and there
Like a plague of locusts
Whirling
Tossing up things on its tail
Like a madman chasing nothing.

Pregnant clouds
Ride stately on its back
Gathering to perch on hills
Like dark sinister wings;
The Wind whistles by
And trees bend to let it pass.

In the village
Screams of delighted children
Toss and turn
In the din of whirling wind,
Women –
Babies clinging on their backs –
Dart about
In and out
Madly
The Wind whistles by
Whilst trees bend to let it pass.
Clothes wave like tattered flags
Flying off
To expose dangling breasts
As jagged blinding flashes

Rumble, tremble, and crack
Amidst the smell of fired smoke
And the pelting march of the storm.

- a) Clearly outline the situation captured in the poem. [12]
- b) Discuss with the aid of THREE well selected examples how the poet's language use appeals to the imagination and evokes various sensations. [12]
- c) Comment on the poem's tone and mood. [3]
- d) Briefly state the poem's theme. [3]

Question Six

'When considered from an Aristotelian point of view, the play, Julius Caesar, is, despite its title, "the tragedy of Brutus".' Discuss.