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COURSE CODE: ENG112 / IDE-ENG103

COURSE NAME: INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LITERATURE

TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer any TWO questions.
2. Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
3. Make sure you proofread your work to eliminate grammatical and other errors.
4. This paper is 3 pages long, cover page included.

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Question 1

“Literary works are supposed to impart knowledge, insights or ‘long views’ about the places /countries in which they are set and which provide the works’ social contexts.”

Respond to this assertion by:

- a) Listing at least 3 major themes of ONE of the prose works listed below. [3]
 - b) Discussing the roles of the characters the author has used to develop the themes. [15]
 - c) Briefly commenting on the narrative techniques used. [6]
 - d) Stating the insight you have gained by reading the work. [6]
- “Take Back the Lobola” by Reneilwe Malatji
 - “For Honour” by Stanley Kenani
 - “Vicious Cycle” by Reneilwe Malatji

Question 2

Macbeth Shakespeare

“In drama, unlike in prose, character revelation along with character development is achieved through dialogue and action.” Discuss this statement in relation to Macduff. Begin your discussion by stating how he is introduced in the play and his thematic role. [30]

Question3

Twelfth Night Shakespeare

By focusing on the relevant characters and scenes, cite and discuss the strategies Shakespeare uses in Twelfth Night to avert a tragic atmosphere and outcome in the face of imminent tragedy. [30]

Question 4

Read the excerpt below and answer the questions that follow it:

Ay, in the catalogue ye go for men,
As hounds, and greyhounds, mongrels, spaniels, curs,
Shoughs, water-rugs, and demi-wolves are cleft
All by the name of dogs; the valued file
Distinguishes the swift, the slow, the subtle,
The house-keeper, the hunter, every one
According to the gift which bounteous nature
Hath in him closed – whereby he does receive
Particular addition from the bill
That writes them all alike; - and so of men.
Now, if you have a station in the file
Not in the worst rank of manhood, say't,
And I will put that business in your bosoms
Whose execution takes your enemy off,
Grapples you to the heart and love of us
Who wear our health but sickly in his life,
Which in his death were perfect.

- a) Identify the speaker and the place where the speech is made. [2]
- b) Identify the person(s) spoken to. [1]
- c) In not more than 10 lines, highlight the occasion when the speech is made and the meaning of the speaker. [5]
- d) Locate the excerpt within the unfolding plot of the play. [5]
- e) Briefly discuss what has gone before and what immediately follows the speech. [7]
- f) Give a line-by-line paraphrase of the speech. [10]