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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

**MAY – JULY 2018 TRIMESTER**

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**BENG 100: SPEECH AND READING**

**Date: JULY 2018**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

## **The Golden Ring**

A hawk flying about in the sky one day decided that he would like to marry a hen whom he often saw on earth. He flew down and searched until he found her, and then asked her to become his wife. She at once gave her consent on the condition that he would wait until she could grow wings like his, so that she might also fly high. The hawk agreed to this and flew away, after giving her a golden ring as an engagement present and telling her to take good care of it. The hen was very proud of the ring and placed it around her neck. The next day, however, she met the cock who looked at her in astonishment and said: "Where did you get that ring? Do you not know that you promised to be my wife? You must not wear the ring of anyone else. Throw it away." And the hen threw away the beautiful ring. Not long after this the hawk came down bringing beautiful feathers to dress the hen. When she saw him coming she was frightened and ran to hide behind the door, but the hawk called to her to come and see the beautiful dress he had brought her. The hen came out, and the hawk at once saw that the ring was gone. "Where is the ring I gave you?" he asked. "Why do you not wear it?" The hen was frightened and ashamed to tell the truth so she answered: "Oh, sir, yesterday when I was walking in the garden, I met a large snake and he frightened me so that I ran as fast as I could to the house. Then I missed the ring and I searched everywhere but could not find it." The hawk looked sharply at the hen, and he knew that she was deceiving him. Then he said to her: "I did not believe that you could behave so badly. When you have found the ring I will

come down again and make you my wife. But as a punishment for breaking your promise, you must always scratch the ground to look for the ring. And every chicken of yours that I find, I shall snatch away."Then he flew away, and ever since all the hens throughout the world have been scratching to find the hawk's ring.

- a) Tick the category of narrative
  - i) A fable
  - ii) Trickster
  - iii) Orge story
  - iv) Aetiological story

**(2 marks)**
- b) What sort of character is hen? **(10 marks)**
- c) Discuss some of the stylistic devices that make this oral narrative an effective moral lesson for society. **(18 marks)**

Q2. Narrate one myth that explains the origin of your original community. **(20 marks)**

Q3. Using poetic language compose a simple poem of five stanzas on the topic "The Man I want to take over South Africa" **(20 marks)**

Q4. You are at a sports recreation place watching rugby however as it ends your favorite sports team seems to lose the match at the last minute but hope comes when they replace a team and they score double. Write a short speech to deliver to the public at the Citizen TV expressing your surprise win. Observe protocol. **(20 marks)**

Q5. Explain a methodology you would use to read a text which you are not so familiar with. **(20 marks)**

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