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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION

PART TIME PROGRAMME

LIT 300: STYLISTIC AND LITERARY APPRECIATION

Date: JULY 2018

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Define the following terminologies from a purely literary perspective and explain why you prefer your particular definition to others. **(8 marks)**
- i) Style
 - ii) Literary appreciation
 - iii) Form and Content
- b) What is rhetoric and how does it contribute to our appreciation of literary style **(4marks)**
- c) Identify and explain the four stylistic virtues emphasized by rhetoricians **(8 marks)**
- Q2. Using any literary work of your choice, show how structure affects meaning **(20marks)**
- Q3. Illustrating from either The Mercedes Funeral by Ngugi Wa Thiongo or any other book of your choice, show how flashback as a style is indispensable in the establishment of the plot **(20marks)**
- Q4. Select any literary work of your choice from what has been covered in this unit and qualify the existence of main and minor characters **(20 marks)**
- Q5. With reference to any of the selected texts, discuss the relevance of stylistics and literary Appreciation towards the analysis of the text **(20marks)**

- Q6. a) Account for lexical deviance in the poem below. (10marks)
- b) Comment on any other outstanding stylistic devices employed in the below poem (10marks)

BUILDING THE NATION by Henry Barlow.

Today I did my share
In building the nation.
I drove a Permanent Secretary
To an important urgent function
In fact to a lunch at the Vic.
The menu reflected its importance
Cold bell beer with small talk,
Then fried chicken with niceties
Wine to fill the hollowness of the laughs
Ice-cream to cover the stereotype jokes
Coffee to keep the PS awake on return journey.
I drove the Permanent Secretary back.
He yawned many times in back of the car
Then to keep awake, he suddenly asked,
Did you have any lunch friend?
I replied looking straight ahead
And secretly smiling at his belated concern
That I had not, but was slimming!
Upon which he said with seriousness
That amused more than annoyed me,
Mwanainchi, I too had none!
I attended to matters of state.
Highly delicate diplomatic duties you know,
And friend, it goes against my grain,
Causes me stomach ulcers and wind.
Ah, he continued, yawning again,
The pains we suffer in building the nation!
So the PS had ulcers too!
My ulcers I think are equally painful
Only they are caused by hunger,
Not sumptuous lunches!
So two nation builders
Arrived home this evening
With terrible stomach pains
The result of building the nation
Different ways.
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