

B.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
NOVEMBER 2023.

Sixth Semester

English – Major Elective

AFRICAN LITERATURE

(For those who joined in July 2017-2019)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

- The "image" is of a disfigured hand in the poem "Cactus" has \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) No fingers (b) Five fingers  
(c) Two fingers (d) Seven fingers

- The boy in the poem "Home Coming Son" was forced to return home \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) With bag full of money  
(b) With gold  
(c) Along with his friends  
(d) Empty-handed
- The land lady in "Telephonic Conversation" emphatically mentioned that she lived \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) With Black people (b) Silently  
(c) On premises (d) Off premises
- Clark in his essay 'The Casualties' describes politicians euphemistically as wandering  
(a) Farmers (b) Crackers  
(c) Animals (d) Minstrels
- 'Nwashisisana, The Hare' tells the story of a race between a Hare and a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Rat (b) Tiger  
(c) Deer (d) Tortoise
- Francoise in the story 'The Advance' is a \_\_\_\_\_ old child  
(a) Two month (b) Five month  
(c) Six month (d) Seven month

- In *Arrow of God*, what is T.K. Winterbottom's position?  
(a) Head of public works department  
(b) Junior officer  
(c) District officer  
(d) Assistant district officer
- In *Arrow of God*, Who is Ezeulu's god?  
(a) Ofo (b) Ulu  
(c) Nwaka (d) Ezidemili
- In *The Lion and the Jewel*, Lakunle is all of the following except  
(a) Dismissive (b) Shy  
(c) Arrogant (d) Short sighted
- Sidi's bride-price indicates that she  
(a) Is of marriageable age  
(b) Has a wealthy family  
(c) Is a virgin  
(d) Is free from her family

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL the questions, choosing either (a) or (b).  
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

- (a) Bring out the central idea of the poem "Home Coming Son".  
Or  
(b) Write briefly on how and why the Africans abandon their household Gods as described in "A Note to all Surviving Africans".
- (a) Why is the child's face covered with grime and dust in the poem "Dear Child"?  
Or  
(b) Why does Clark in his poem "The Casualties" blame the politicians for the causes of war?
- (a) How does the Chameleon kill the Tortoise in 'Nwashisisana, The Hare'?  
Or  
(b) Analyze the relationship between Francoise and Carmen in 'The Advance' by Henry Lopes.
- (a) Examine the character of T.K. Winterbottom in *Arrow of God*.  
Or  
(b) Write a short note on the communal land conflict between Okperi and Umuaro.

15. (a) In what regard is Baroka a "lion" and Sidi a "jewel"?

Or

(b) Explain how Lakunle uses words in *The Lion and the Jewel*.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL the questions, choosing either (a) or (b)  
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Critically appreciate the poem "Cactus" by Jean-Joseph Rabearivelo.

Or

(b) The poem "A Note to all surviving Africans" defines the poet's understanding and articulation of African heritage-Elaborate.

17. (a) Consider "Telephone Conversation" as a poetic satire against the widespread racism.

Or

(b) Appraise, in detail, the effects of war with reference to the poem "The Casualties" by John Pepper Clark.

18. (a) Give a detailed summary of the story 'The Advance' by Henry Lopes.

Or

(b) Analyse the story 'Nwashisisana, The Hare' critically.

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19. (a) Comment on the relationship between Ezeulu and his children in *Arrow of God*.

Or

(b) Write an essay on the evangelical work of the Christians in *Arrow of God*.

20. (a) Describe the dramatic roles of Sidi, Baroka, and Lakunle in *The Lion and the Jewel*.

Or

(b) Discuss the theme of cultural conflict in *The Lion and the Jewel*.

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