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GENIUS-GOLDS ONLINE ACADEMY
WEEKEND TEST EXAMINATION
ENGLISH
PAPER III
(70 Marks)

Tuesday, 27 November

Time Allowed: 2 hours

Instructions

- This paper has two sections.
- Section **A** contains two compulsory contextual questions. Therefore, you are required to answer both questions in this section in the spaces provided.
- Section **B** comprises essay questions. Answer one question on each book on the lined answer sheets.
- You should spend the first **10 minutes** reading all the questions and planning your answers to the questions you choose.

Section A (30 marks)

1. POEM

AS THE TIME GOES by [Ephraim Museko]

As the time goes
We forsake our beautiful innocent parents
That planted foundation stone
Of achievements in us
And bow down for Delilahs of today.

As time goes
Leaders assume we don't feel pain
Because we never shed a tear
Yet our shouting for help
Bought plots on front pages of our newspapers

As the time goes
Eagle's eye witnesses our true brothers
Hardening hearts
Unscrewing body parts of innocent souls
Yet failing to harden hearts
To hook our greedy and corrupt politicians
With their golden vote

As the time goes
We type, print and photocopy into our minds
That education is not a key to success
But a permission to rape any law without being arrested.

QUESTIONS

a. Who is the persona in the poem?

(2 marks)

b. what is the persona complaining about in the poem?

(2 marks)

- c. What figure of speech is the expression “that planted foundation stone” (stanza 1 line 3)

(2 marks)

- d. Describe any one character of the leaders in the poem

(2 marks)

- e. Briefly explain any two themes portrayed in the poem.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(4 marks)

- f. How do the people in the poem make their grievances heard?

(2 marks)

- g. What is the tone of the poem?

(1 mark)

2. **SHORT STORY**

AND THE BLACK DOG

On Christmas day there was eating and drinking, dancing and merrymaking.

A week after the Christmas festival, the house was overflowing with sobs and wails. A week without proper food seemed like a century. The man, the woman, their child and their black dog were wearing

out. They saw themselves slowly dying of hunger.

Food is life and absence of food is absence of life. Man shall therefore live by food alone for that is life and living The man pondered.

The man was still silent, dead silent, outside the house. But he was in thoughts, deep thoughts. With a little girl still on her back, the woman suddenly stormed out of the house. The little girl continued howling. It was a howl of anguish.

“Where is food, you fool?” But there was silence, dead silence, from the man seated on the veranda. His thought drifted further to the day of their marriage. He had taken her from the village to the town, promising her happiness. Is that not what every man does?

The woman then was an innocent village girl. She was full of hope, hope of being married to a man working in town. That was her wish. She heard that married couples in town went to shop together, cooked together, ate together and slept together on the same bed. That to her translated to having true love in town.

When he proposed marriage to her, she could not think of saying no. She wanted to experience this life of bliss.

She had to drop out of school and marry this town man. The man and the woman fell in love, stupid love and it made them stupider..... Now here he was failing to provide the life he had promised. He felt like cursing God. Religiosity and morality are not one thing and the same. One can be religious but not morally –upright and be morally- upright but not religious. Blessed are those who have both.... For this man definitely, did not have both. But was it his fault? He wondered. He just wondered in his dead silence, seated on the veranda ... he wondered silly thoughts.

Yes, what else could they be but silly thoughts? He lived in a silly country, surrounded by silly people and living a silly life.... He thought in his silence.

The woman could see the protrusion of her man’s two ligaments on the sides of his two bones above the chest, just before the neck. “Where is food you lazybones?” silence, dead silence from the man. The woman was on him and beating him, while continuing with her whimpering and asking the same question: “where is food?”

The man stood up where he had sat, fuming and foaming with rage. He released his left hook like an international professional boxer

and it caught the woman by the lower jaw. The woman flew like a feather and fell on her back some three steps away. He never knew a person can fly until he saw his wife fly that day.

For a moment, the man then wished she had fallen on the black dog lying on the ground. But he saw the dog jump up in fright. And there was a sharp cry from the little girl who was still on the back of the woman. The woman had actually fallen on her.... Then silence, dead silence.

There was panic, there was terror. That was not the life he had dreamt to live with his family. He had not dreamt of violent life for his family. When he completed his secondary school, he had thought he would find some decent job. Yes, a job that could make him provide a little something for his family. And in December, when he had given all that he had earned that month for Christmas celebration, by all certainty he had thought he was doing that for the good of his family.

His family deserved that kind of happiness, he had assured himself. The man felt anger burning in him. It was not anger towards his wife. It was not anger towards himself. This was anger towards the leadership. He felt cheated by his country. He felt cheated by the society. Everyone seemed not to care about the present and its future.

Daily activities went on in the country as if all was rosy... if the populace is ignorant of what to do, whom do you blame? If people do not know what to do in times of disaster, who is at fault? The government of course! What kind of education has it given to its people? What kind of mental empowerment and liberation do the people have? Ignorance is the government problem... stupid citizens are the problem of the government. It has the responsibility not to have stupid citizens...these were silly thoughts. He was silly as he lived in a silly world.

Here now, they were hungry and fighting... And now their baby, their only baby, lies motionless on the ground. Looking up, heavily pregnant.

Clouds had gathered above them. Some small drops of rain began to drip.

Questions

- a. From what point of view is the story told?

(1 mark)
- b. Describe the geographical setting of the story.

(2 marks)
- c. What tragic event happens in the story?

(2 marks)
- d. Explain how the woman contributes to the tragedy above.

(2 marks)
- e. Describe any **one** character of the man in the story.

(2 marks)
- f. Briefly explain any **two** themes portrayed in the story.
(i)_____

(ii)_____

(4 marks)
- g. What figure of speech is the expression "dead silence"
(paragraph 5 line 1)

(2 marks)

Section B (40 marks)

Answer **both** questions in this section in the spaces provided.
Choose either question **a** or **b** in each case and not both.

3. **THE PEARL** by John Steinbeck

EITHER

a. Describe the character of each of the following and give four points for each.

- (i) Juana
- (ii) The Native Indians

OR

b. Discuss eight points that show how the theme of unity is portrayed in the book "The Pearl"

4. **MACBETH** by William Shakespeare

EITHER

With examples from the play "Macbeth" show how the following themes are portrayed.

- (i) Betrayal (discuss four points)
- (ii) Fair is foul and foul is fair (discuss four points)

OR

From the play "Macbeth" Describe how the following characters accounts for the own **Death**. (Discuss eight points)

-Banquo

-Lady Macbeth

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