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FORM THREE SERIES No.01
LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

TIME 3 HRS **Year 2026**

Instructions

1. This paper consists of section **A, B** and **C** with a total of **eleven (11)** questions.
2. Answer **ALL** questions in section **A** and **B** and **two (2)** questions from section **C**.
3. Section **A carries sixteen (16)** Marks, **Section B carries fifty four (54)** Marks, and **section C carries thirty (30)** Marks.
4. Cellular phones and any unauthorized materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
5. Write your **Names** on every page of your answer booklet(s)

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SECTION A (16 MARKS)

Answer **ALL** questions in this section

1. For each of the items (i) –(x), choose the correct answer from the given alternatives andwrite its letter besides the item number in the answer booklet provided

I. Mr. Msaki is watching a drama that is full of serious actions that make him feel bad, suddenly hewas laughing loudly because of humorous scenes. What was he watching?

A. Melodrama
B. Historical drama
C. Comedy drama
D. Tragic drama
E. Tragic – comedy drama

II. Majanjara is priest who always preaches peace love and equality to all people but on his side he exploits and tortures Nyamogi. He therefore does not live what he preaches. Which theme suits these expressions?

A. Betrayal
B. Exploitation
C. Hypocrisy
D. Gender discrimination
E. Racism

III. Zaujia was singing a poem on the graduation ceremony. After each stanza she repeated the same line. What is the name of the repeated linea?

A. Rhyme
B. Rhythm
C. Refrain
D. Onomatopea
E. Poetic language

IV. The following are the elements which making up a setting except: -

A. Actual geographical location
B. daily manner of living of the characters
C. the time or period in which the actions takes place
D. the mind through which the material of the story is presented.
E. Climax

V. The traditional short story that teaches a moral lesson, especially one with animal ascharacters.

A. Myth
B. Legend
C. Fable
D. Ballad
E. Anecdote

VI. Madam Angela is watching a film television, she witnesses a character dies in the bombed room, later on the character is seen rising and fight the enemies

A. Satirical irony
B. Sarcastic irony
C. Dramatic irony
D. Situational irony

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E. Verbal irony
VII. Your grandfather has no money today. He loudly asks himself "where shall I get the money to feed these kids?" this technique is referred to as……
A. Aside
B. Dialogue
C. Denouement
D. Soliloquy
E. Exposition
VIII. A complete house should have a roof, a door as well as windows. In this sense, what makes the definition of literature complete?
A. Art, language, audience and conflict
B. Art, language, creativity and society
C. Art, themes, messages and language
D. Art, society and philosophy
E. None of the above
IX. Her eyes grew small. She came towards me. A light breeze from behind her brought a smellof perfume and female sweat that seemed to scorch my body". What kind of imagery the underlined words imply?
A. Organic imagery
B. Visual imagery
C. Kinetic imagery
D. Olfactory imagery
E. Auditory imagery
X. The use of the body movement and facial expressions by actors convey a message without speaking is called:-
A. Aside
B. Ambiguity
C. Mime
D. Creation
E. Acting

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2. Match the expression of in **Column A** With their corresponding responses in **Column B,** by writing the letter of the correct answer beside the item number in the answer booklet provided

Column A	Column B
I. A performing area or a place where performance takes place. II. Is a term used to refer to what to dress on a stage by actors or actress. III. Refers to materials elements which are used on stage by actor. IV. One of the pairs into which a play film may be divided V. Practice of a performance either music or dance on a play before a real performance VI. The guide used by the actor or actress for performance on the stage	A. Costume B. Stage direction C. Stage D. Epilogues E. Act F. Opera G. Props H. Rehearsal I. Foreshowing

SECTION B (54 MARKS)

Answer **ALL** questions in this section

3. As a member of Literature club you have met with your friend Jaden who is studying Literature in English in form three but he is not able to distinguish the following literacy concept: How could you help James by giving him relevant examples?

a) Cast of characters and characterization
b) Octave and setset
c) Figurative language and literal language
d) Paradox and Oxymoron
e) Alliteration and Consonance
f) Autobiography and Biography

4. (a) Which proverb is being described by the expression in each item below?

(i) Kalulu and Kanyanga are friends because are both thieves ……
(ii) She used only 30 minutes to sit for the exam that was supposed to be done in 3 hour, but she scored zero ……
(iii) The police man killed all the thieves except Sonenga, because Sonenga was his young brother ……

(b) Give the meaning of the following idioms

(i) Kick the bucket
(ii) Bite your tongue
(iii) Under the weather

5. Show how the advancement of science and technology has totally killed the efficiency of oral of literature (Give five points)

6. Which literary term is being described by each of the following characteristics?

a) We were reading a play whereby the main character end up being isolated by his society.
b) The story started by showing a gun and later on one of the characters uses it to kill his brother.
c) Last week, our teacher told us a story about the early history of their village.
d) My friend told me that his sister is in the family way
e) You're not beautiful my daughter. Amina's father tells her because she is very ugly.

7. Briefly answer the following questions

a) Literature and language are two sides of the same coin, justify in one paragraph with only three strong reasons.
b) Why is literature called an art? Use three reasons to explain this truth in only one paragraph.

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8. Carefully study the poem below then answer the questions that follow.

EPILOGUE – By Samson Mwita

I have crossed an ocean
I have lost my tongue
From the root to the old
One
A new on has sprung

Questions

a. The poet says she has "**lost her tongue**" what does that mean?
b. Which ocean has she crossed?
c. What does she mean when she says "**a new one has sprung from the root of the old one?"**
d. Comment on the structure of the poem.
e. What is theme of the poem?

SECTION C (30 MARKS)

Answer **ONLY TWO** questions in this section

9. You cannot discuss the underdevelopment of Africans without relating the presence of whites. How did Europeans contribute to the underdevelopment of Africans? Use two novels to support your answer (3 points in each novel)

10. Poetry, like other genres of literature, does not exist in vain. Justify the statement by using two poems you have read in class. Provide three (3) points from each poem.

11. Various playwrights have tried to liberate woman through their writings but they have ended up in vain. By usinFg two plays you have read, explain the relevance of the statement. Give three points from each points.

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