

**MID- TERM II EXAMINATIONS**

**SENIOR ONE**

**LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**

**1 HOUR**

1. Define the following terms as used in Literature.

a) Drama

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b) Setting

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c) Characterisation

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d) Lesson

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e) Proverb

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f) Plot

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2. Distinguish between the following

i. Oral and written literature

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ii. Riddles and tongue twisters

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iii. Dirges and lullabies

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3. **Mau Mau Hymn**

When the Europeans came from Europe they said they came to give us learning and we accepted them gladly, but woe upon us, they really came to oppress us.

Those who hate the house of Mumbi and say they prefer the Europeans will have great trouble in Kikuyu when we achieve self-government.

When the house of Mumbi meets in order to recruit others to the house of Mumbi there are some who side with the enemy and are like Judas of Old.

You house of Mumbi even if you are oppressed, do not be afraid in your hearts. A Kikuyu proverb says, 'God helps those who help themselves.'

You who side with Europeans when they go back to Europe, you will kneel down before us and weep, claiming that you did not realize what you were doing.

When the Europeans turn to Europe you who sell the land of the house of Mumbi we will answer you saying, 'We disown you even as you disowned us.'

When Kenyatta came back from Europe he came with a spear and sword and shield and answer on head as a sign for the Kikuyu.

M\_\_\_ will return with spear and shift the house of Mumbi and avenge the oppressions they have suffered from the Europeans.

Let those who go and report on our doings be accursed by their reports and if they get pay for what they do, let the pay be a curse upon them too.

Oh house of Mumbi, let us exert ourselves to get our land returned, the land which was ours and stolen from us by the deceitful Europeans.

(A song from Ruth Finnegan's *Oral Literature in Africa*).

- a. What will happen to those who hate 'the house of Mumbi' when the Europeans go back to Europe?

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- b. Identify TWO things we learn about the history of the Kikuyu from the song

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- c. Explain more fully what is meant by a 'sign for the Kikuyu'.

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- d. Comment on the purpose of the proverb in the song

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- e. Comment on the use of the following expressions in the narrative:

- i. 'but woe upon us.....'

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ii. ....are like Judas of old.....'

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iii. ....deceitful Europeans.'

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f. i) What is the purpose of this song?

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