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B.A. /B. ED EXAMINATION
ELE 1304 – LITERATURE AND SOCIETY

JUNE 2023

MARKS 100

TIME 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) **Answer four questions** in all.
 - (b) Question **1** is compulsory and answer any other **three** questions.
 - (c) Marks will be awarded for relevance, logical organization and expression.
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1. Write short explanatory notes of a paragraph on any **five** of the following:

- a) dramatic irony and irony of situation
- b) direct and indirect characterisation
- c) thematic concept and thematic statement
- d) oxymoron and paradox
- e) assonance and consonance
- f) synecdoche and metonymy

(5x5 = 25 marks)

2. Referring to *Period Pain*, examine how the pervasiveness of poverty, the irritating frequency of rape, and the repeated outbreaks of xenophobic attacks on black immigrants make a mockery of the much touted concept of the Rainbow Nation

(25 marks)

3. The suit that is left behind is not only the material evidence for Matilda's adultery, but also symbolic for the constant presence of its owner hovering over the marriage.

Discuss this statement.

(25 marks)

4. 'An Abandoned Bundle' conveys the speaker's attitude toward and feelings about the mother's actions.

Closely referring to the diction and imagery used in this poem, comment on the above statement.

(25 marks)

5. Discuss how *The Honourable MP*, by Gonzo Musengezi exposes the moral, social and political decadence of government officials epitomised by Honourable Shakespeare Pfende.

(25 marks)