

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO**  
**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES**  
**B.A. /B. ED EXAMINATION**  
**ELE 2304 – INTRODUCTION TO POETRY**

**MAY 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 notes on any **five** of the following:

- a) allegory and allusion
- b) end and internal rhyme
- c) synecdoche and metonymy
- d) oxymoron and paradox
- e) assonance and consonance
- f) blank and free verse

**(5x5 = 25 marks)**

**2.** Examine any features of poetry that distinguish it from the other genres of literature.

**(25 Marks)**

**3.** Demonstrate how knowledge of “information extrinsic to the text” (for example, historical context) is vital for an understanding any given poem.

**(25 marks)**

**4.** With reference to “The Birth of Shaka” by Mbuyiseni Mtshali, do you think that Shaka’s vision of the white swallows would have been of any comfort to him at his death?

What is your view.

**(25 marks)**

**5.** Demonstrate how in “Africa my Africa” David Diop is optimistic that one day Africa will taste the fruit of liberty.

**(25 marks)**