

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO

B.A. EXAMINATIONS

DTA 2304: PLAY ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

JANUARY 2024

MARKS: 100

TIME: 3HRS

INSTRUCTION:

1. Answer **ALL** the questions.
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SECTION A

Miss Julie by August Strindberg.

1. Choose one theme from the play and analyze it in ten lines. [15]
2. Use the theme above to formulate a production concept or super objective for *Miss Julie*, explaining your choice for the two. [15]
3. Briefly compare and contrast the characters of Strindberg's Jean and Mda's Charley. [20]

SECTION B

Dead End by Zakes Mda.

1. What is the theme of *Dead End* in the scene below? [2]
2. Name the following objectives as represented in the scene:
 - (a) Tšeli's objective
 - (b) Charley's objective [12]
3. Explain the obstacles of each of these two characters. [12]
4. Divide the scene into beat sequences, phrasing the objectives of each character for each beat. [24]

TŠELI: You will have to marry me as soon as possible.

CHARLEY: What makes you think so?

TŠELI: I am pregnant.

CHARLEY: Look, Tšeli, if you think you are going to stop me from going to Western Avenue by making such threats you are mistaken.

TŠELI: You don't believe me then? (*She shows him a piece of paper*) This is my hospital card. I was at the Victoria Hospital today.

CHARLEY: Are you sure this is not forgery.

TŠELI: If it is then I am a pretty good forger.

CHARLEY: *(Getting excited and trying to pull TŠELI towards the door):* Dr Zuma! Tšeli, come on!

TŠELI: Who is Dr Zuma?

CHARLEY: He is a herbalist down on the other side of Western Avenue in the old location. He is going to help us. We sometimes use him when things go wrong with some of our girls.

TŠELI: Help us in what? I have already seen the doctors at Victoria Hospital.

CHARLEY: Don't you understand? You need immediate help, for heaven's sake. We can't keep the baby.

TŠELI: You mean we should get rid of the baby?

CHARLEY: The baby, my foot! Abortion is the only solution and Dr Zuma is the man.

TŠELI: I am not going to do that, Charley.

CHARLEY: Be sensible my girl. Just this one time. We don't need it. We can't afford it. So we must get rid of it. Think of all the trouble you are heading for. Napkins. The baby is going to shit all over your back...