

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO
B.A. /B. ED EXAMINATION
ELE 2301 – INTRODUCTION TO FICTION

JANUARY 2024

MARKS 100

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Answer **any three (3)** questions.
 - (b) Marks will be awarded for good grammatical expression and style.
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1. Explore the ways in which *Welcome to Our Hillbrow* by Phaswane Mpe serves as a social commentary on contemporary issues in South Africa. How does the novel address issues such as xenophobia, social marginalisation, and cultural tensions? **(33 marks)**

Or

2. Analyse how the AIDS epidemic is portrayed in *Welcome to Our Hillbrow* by Phaswane Mpe. What role does it play in shaping the characters' lives and relationships, and how does it contribute to the broader social context of Hillbrow? **(33 marks)**

3. Discuss the character of Tiny Tim and his role in the story. How does the fate of Tiny Tim contribute to the overall message of the novella regarding empathy and social responsibility?

(33 marks)

Or

4. Discuss the significance of the three spirits (Past, Present, and Future) in Scrooge's transformation. How does each ghost contribute to Scrooge's understanding of himself and others?

(33 marks)

5. Critically discuss how Mia Couto's "The Day Mabata-bata Exploded" sets out to explore the brutalities of the rural cattle-herding system (leaving boys uneducated and perennially exploited).

(33 marks)