

STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL – ZZANA

S.3 LITERATURE SET TWO 2020

TIME: 2Hours

INSTRUCTIONS

- The paper has three sections **A**, **B**, and **C**.
- Attempt **ONE** question from each section.
- Forward scanned answer sheets to **stahiza2020@gmail.com**.

SECTION A

1. **THE ALIEN WOMAN:** Laury Ocen

‘But I think he told us the truth. The moment he saw the woman, his whole body shook with convulsions. She is joking. How can she stay here? If Obina is to stay with her, then he is as good as dead. These women are never satisfied with one man. It is in their tradition. A girl starts going with men at the age of nine. And what with the present AIDS plague.’

‘Leave alone that,’ Olugo retorted, ‘who will head our clan? Isn’t it always said that these women only love girls? Some of them are even known to strangle baby boys, or keep them in the worst form of neglect so that they may turn into thieves.’

‘But why is it that they love only girls?’ Awino asked her husband with curiosity.

‘Money making and greed! Money is turning everybody crazy. A girl will bring money given to her by her men to her mother. Besides, these people are actually silly. They go on to argue that feeding boys is burdensome, that they eat too much. Can you imagine such foolishness?’

‘And this one almost crawling as if she thinks that can appease us. I would rather have a daughter – in – law whom I can confide in and express my authority over.’

‘Respect is in their tradition. But even that is only a first – hand reaction. If you want to see chameleon’s true colour you provoke it. We shall not provoke her deliberately. It is not in our tradition. But conditions here will. Whatever the case is, my son will not marry from anywhere, any tribe apart from his native people. As long as I am still alive, my son will not do that. I have travelled much, and I can say I know a lot about many people of this country. For their love of intrigue and luxury. Besides they are prostitutes. The madi are hostile monsters. Who can manage their women? There is safety only with our people that is far I know. Now I will collect the leading men and address this matter to them. Go back and remain calm. ‘During all this time, Margaret was talking only with Opio. She was perturbed by what she thought was a deliberate indifference.

Questions:

- a. What is happening at this point in the story? (05marks)

- b. Describe the reaction of the people towards this strange visitor in the passage. (06marks)
- c. Explain the major theme that is brought out in this extract. (04marks)
- d. What happens immediately after this scene? (05marks)

SECTION B

- 2. Explain the qualities that make Margaret Nagawa an admirable character in the novel. The Alien Woman. (20marks)
- 3. Relate what happens in the novel, The Alien Woman to what happens in your community. (20marks)

SECTION C

DAVID RUBADIRI: Growing Up With Poetry:

Either

- 4. Read the poem below and answer the questions after it:

Drought

Heat, all –pervading, crinkles up the soil;
 A deadly silence numbs the molten air;
 On beds of rivers, islands scorched and bare,
 Warm scavengers of wind heap up the spoil;
 And wide eyed oxen, gaunt and spent with toil,
 Huddled together near some shrunken pool.....
 Pant for the shade of trees and pastures cool,
 Lashing their tails at flies they cannot foil.
 Whilst overhead, the sun-god drives his way
 Through halting hours of blinding, blazing light,
 Until his shining steeds a moment stay
 And disappear behind the gates of night.
 And still, no rain. A cloudless, starlit sky
 Watches the veld, and all things droop and die.

Denys Lefebvre (S. Africa)

Questions

- (a) What concerns does the poem raise in the poem? (04marks)
- (b) What poetic features do you find striking in the poem? (06marks)
- (c) Describe the feelings the poem arouse in you. (04marks)
- (d) How relevant is the poem to your country? (06marks)

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