

# STANDARD HIGH SCHOOL ZZANA

## SENIOR FOUR

### LITERATURE 208/1

**Instructions; Read and answer questions please**

**A COWRIE OF HOPE: Binwell Sinyangwe**

#### **Themes**

1. Poverty
2. Women emancipation
3. Fraud/Corruption
4. Education

#### **How the theme of poverty is presented.**

- The house Nasula lives in with the daughter – the hut, the beddings etc.
- The meals – having single meals comprising beans and cassava.
- Why chiswebe was killed in robbery – unemployment.
- The many people struggling to survive in Kamuala market.
- The congestion in the city/market.
- The Dull life in Mangano where everything is gone – the farm etc.
- There's a lot of theft, fraud and corruption because of poverty.
- Nasula walks on foot from Swehine to mangano.
- In mangano, they have only one meal a day.
- Nahuluwi stays in a slum with her family. Slums are for the poor people.
- People sleep in markets. This shows that they have no homes.

#### **Fraud / Corruption**

Fraud is almost the same as deception. A person makes deceitful pretenses. It involves deliberate trickery to gain something.

Corruption on the other hand involves dishonesty or lack of integrity.

Fraud and corruption occur in the novel, Cowrie of Hope in this way.

All the property is taken away from Nasula after the death of her husband by the family members including the house.

The chiswebe farm and other property are taken by the bank after failing to pay the Bank loan.

Nasula's sack of beans is stolen by Gode Silvwe.

The policeman who was bribed by Gode and let him free.

The woman at Kawala market who wanted to buy Nasula's beans cheaply and resell them at a high price.

Isali wanted to marry Nasula even when he knows that he already had AIDS.

#### **Review Questions**

1. How is the theme of women Emancipation presented in the novel, The cowrie of Hope.
2. How relevant is the novel, A Cowrie of Hope to the society you live in?