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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KLT 2403:MODERN POETRY

Date: 19th April 2024
Time: 11:30am-1.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the characteristics of modern poetry. (7 Marks)
- b) Examine **three** impacts the First-World War had on the development of modern poetry. (9 Marks)
- c) Compare the interpretation of poetry to that of drama. (8 Marks)
- d) Describe **two** broad theories on the nature and purpose of poetry. (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine how the Russian Poetry revolutionized modern poetry. (10 Marks)
- b) Demonstrate the contribution of T.S. Eliot to the development of modern poetry. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Illustrate the concept of modern poetry. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the different forms of traditional poetry. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyse the difference between modern visual patterns of poetry and traditional poetry. (10 Marks)
- b) Analyse the terms used to describe 'patterns' in poetry, (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow:

When in disgrace with fortune and men's eyes,
I all alone bewep my outcast state,
And trouble deaf heaven with my bootless cries,

And look upon myself and curse my fate,
Wishing me like to one more rich in hope,
Featured like him, like him with friends possessed,
Desiring this man's art and that man's scope,
With what I most enjoy contented least,
Yet in these thoughts myself almost despising,
Haply I think of thee, and then my state,
(Like to the lark at break of day arising
From sullen earth) sings hymns at heaven's gate,
For thy sweet love remembered such wealth brings,
That then I scorn to change my state with kings.

William Shakespeare

- a) Explain the type a poem this is. Justify your answer. (5 Marks)
- b) Describe the main subject of the poem. (6 Marks)
- c) Analyse **three** poetic devices utilized in this poem. (9 marks)