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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS)

KLT 2202: EAST AFRICAN PROSE

Date: 7th August 2023

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- Explain **three** factors that led to the rise of East African prose. (6 Marks)
- “Knowledge of historical and social realities is essential to any understanding of East African Literature.” With relevant examples, describe the social historical concerns that the East African writers address in their prose. (10 Marks)
- Illustrate the **three** different narrative techniques utilized in prose by the pioneer East African writers. (6 Marks)
- Using knowledge gained in this course; highlight the reasons given by the European immigrants as to why they were superior to Africans. (8 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- Enumerate genres of prose fiction and examine their general elements. (10 Marks)
- Analyse the elements of prose fiction with reference to a text of your choice studied in this course. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- Basing your answer on Okurut's novel *Invisible Weevil*, discuss the symbolism of the title in relation to the issues portrayed therein. (10 Marks)
- Discuss **two** themes in the *Invisible Weevil* that are relevant to the contemporary East African community today. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- Examine **four** styles that Ngugi Wa Thiong'o utilizes in *The River Between* to show cultural struggle in colonial Kenya. (8 Marks)
- Compare and contrast the theme of politics as portrayed in *Coming to Birth* and in *The Invisible Weevil*. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- Analyze the significance of the statement 'Coming to Birth', as reflected in Oludhe MacGoye's *Coming to Birth*. (10 Marks)
- With reference to *Coming to Birth*, *The River Between* and the *Invisible Weevil* discuss the role of women in society. (10 Marks)