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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**SPECIAL EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ((ARTS)**  
**KLT 2203: EAST AFRICAN POETRY**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define Poetry (4 Marks)
- b) Describe the social context under which poetry genre is used in East Africa (6 Marks)
- c) Identify four characteristics of a good poem (8 Marks)
- d) List three characteristics of epic poetry (6 Marks)
- e) Identify elements of dramatic poetry (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine the meaning of Oral Poetry in East African setting (6 Marks)
- b) Explain two types of poems (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss the functions of East African poetry (8 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain two levels used in interpretation of a poem (8 Marks)
- b) Discuss three literary methods used in poetry (6 Marks)
- c) Explain the differences between poetry and prose (6 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Identify four characteristics of poems of economy (8 Marks)
- b) Discuss phonological aspects of poetry (6 Marks)
- c) Explain terms used to describe mood in poetry (6 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Read the poem below carefully and answer the questions below

Proscovia Rwakiaka     *The Beared*

In the pulpit he swayed and turned.

Leant forward. backward.

To the right: to the left

His solemn voice echoed:

Lowly the congregation followed.

“Do you love your neighbour?”

Meekly they bow at his keen eye

Now examining a grey hand

Heaving under her sobs.

His heart leapt assured.-

“Her sins weigh down on her!”

So with her he chats outside:

“Weep not child you are pardoned.”

“But. sir. Your beard conjured up

The spirit of my dear goat!”

- a) Identify four features of style used therein (8 Marks)
- b) Explain two theme in the poem (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss the meaning of l.13 “Weep not child you are pardoned” (6 Marks)