MA ENGLISH Fourth Semester (Repeat) AFRICAN LITERATURE (MEN - 402)

Duration: 3Hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Part-A (Objective) =20 Part-B (Descriptive) =50

(PART-B: Descriptive)

Duration: 2 hrs. 40 mins.

Marks: 50

1. Answer the following questions (any five):

 $2\times 5=10$

- a) Why did the boy go to meet the prophetess in "The Prophetess"?
- b) What does the letter mean to the letter writer in "Africa Kills Her Sun"?
- c) Do you think Will, Baby and Aila were unaware of Sonny's extra-marital affair?
- d) "Palm trees, my boy, like humans experience joy and suffering". Who says this to whom in "A Handful of Dates"?
- e) Who is Pa Ambrose in the story "Slow Poison"?
- f) What does the letter writer tell his colleagues about the need to write letter to his girlfriend whom he has not met for ten years?
- g) What according to the prophetess are the two greatest inheritances that the boy's mother has bestowed on him?

2. Answer the following questions (any five):

 $3 \times 5 = 15$

- a) "This was news to me..." What is the news that the narrator refers to in "A Handful of Dates"?
- b) "Please sit down," the nurse said softly, almost too kindly. "I am sorry I have bad news..." What is the bad news referred to in the story "Slow Poison"? Why is the news bad?

- c) How did the letter writer and his colleagues in prison react when they were brought before the Judge?
- d) "We settled into an uncanny sort of normality, an acceptance of the rearrangement of our lives to *his* convenience." What is referred to in this passage? Discuss.
- e) "Have you ever seen anybody caught by this prophetess? Never. It's all superstition." Who says this in "The Prophetess"? Bring out the significance of these lines.
- f) Bring out the significance of the title of the poem "We have come home".
- g) "I am Abiku, calling for the first/ And repeated time." Discuss Wole Soyinka's use of Abiku in the poem of the same name.

3. Answer the following questions (any five):

5×5=25

- a) Bring out the significance of Ken-Saro-Wiwa's use of the letter as a form in his story "Africa Kills Her Sun" to drive home his point.
- b) Critically discuss how Achebe brings out the clash of tradition and change in *Things Fall Apart*.
- c) How does Nadine Gordimer address the trauma of apartheid in My Son's Story?
- , d) From your reading of the two prescribed poems "When we have come home" and "Abiku" discuss the innovations in African poetry in terms of theme, language and style.
- e) "I ran off the distance. Hearing my grandfather call after me, I hesitated a little, then continued on my way. I felt at that moment I hated him." Critically discuss the context that makes the narrator to 'hate' his grandfather, someone with whom he was very close to in "A Handful of Dates".
- f) Ngugi writes that "the quest for relevance and for a correct perspective can only be understood and be meaningfully resolved within the context of the general struggle

- against imperialism." How does he establish this 'quest for relevance' in the concluding chapter of *Decolonising the Mind*? Give a well-reasoned answer.
- g) In the story "Slow Poison" discuss how the writer Makuchi brings out the trauma afflicting families faced with AIDS the "slow poison".

MA ENGLISH Fourth Semester (Repeat) AFRICAN LITERATURE (MEN - 402)

Du	ration: 20 minutes (PA	RT A - Objective	Туре)	Marks - 20
1. (Choose the correct answer:			1×20=20
1.	Things Fall Apart was published a) 1956 b) 1957	in the year: c) 1958	d) 1959	
2.	In which year Ngugi Wa Thiongo a) 1968 b) 1986	s's <i>Decolonosing th</i> c) 1988	e Mind published? d) 1998	
3.	When was Ken-Saro-Wiwa born? a) 1940 b) 1941	c) 1942	d) 1943	
4.	What is the name of the first book a) The Guest of Honour c) My Son's Story	written by Will? b) The Conservati d) A World of stra		
5.	What is the name of the boy who a) Ikemifuna c) Kemefuna	was stabbed by Ok b) Ikemefuna d) Kimifuna	onkwo?	
6.	Who is the central female charact a) Alia c) Baby	er in <i>My Son's Stor</i> b) Hannah d) Elley	<i>y</i> ?	
7.	"If Umuofia failed to send her chiplaces to rule them", who said thia) Mr Brown c) James		, strangers would come	from other
8.	What is the name of the boy's mo a) Masemola c) MaMokoena	other in "The Proph b) MaShange d) Sisi	etess"?	
9.	Who is the writer of the story "A a) Tayib Salih c) Tayeb Salih	Handful of Dates": b) Tayeb Salin d) Tayib Salim	?	
10	.Whom is the letter addressed to in a) Zoli	b) Zole	Kills her Son"?	

- 11. What did the boy do when the holy water was spilt on the way?
 - a) He took a bottle near the kennel, filled it with tap water and wiped it with his trousers.
 - b) He picked the bottle and refilled it with water from the tap.
 - c) He found a bottle nearby, cleaned it and filled it with water from a well.
 - d)He went back to the prophetess, but took a bottle nearby her place and filled it with tap water.
- 12. According to Ngugi Wo Thiongo, the most crucial debate on politics of literature was resolved by debunking the euro Centric syllabus and introduction of African, European and other literature in the department. But there was still a problem that how would the centre relate to the periphery, the solution to which was given as:
 - a) To study the historical context of the rise of English Studies in Africa.
 - b) To study the kind of literature an African student was likely to encounter.
 - c) To study the role of culture in the imperialist domination.
 - d) All three.

13. Name the two colleagues	of the letter writer who are in prison with him.
a) Sazun and Jimba	b) Sajim and Samba
c) Sazen and Jumba	d) Sazan and Jimba

- 14. What is the name of the narrators neighbour in "A Handful of Dates"?
 - a) Mahmud b) Masud
 - c) Masod d) Masood
- 15. Which country in Africa does Ken-Saro-Wiwa belong to?
 - a) Sudan
- b) Nigeria

c) Kenya

- d) Johannesburg
- 16. The Black Maria will take the narrator and his friends to:
 - a) Stadium

- b) Beach
- c) Stadium and Beach
- d) Stadium or Beach
- 17. Who were at the boy's house when he returned after meeting the prophetess?
 - a) MaShange
- b) MaMokoena
- c) Masemola
- d) All of them
- 18. Who died of slow poison in the story "Slow Poison"?
 - a) Neighbour of Manoji
- b) Manoji
- c) Neighbour's son
- d) (a and b)
- 19. What did the letter writer instruct the bank to do with the small sum of money he had in the bank?
 - a) To give it to his girlfriend to invest that money on his tombstone.
 - b) To give it to his girlfriend to make a stone sculpture of him.
 - c) To give it to his girlfriend to make his photograph appear in the newspaper.
 - d) He wanted her to put an epitaph on his gravestone with that money.

- 20.In Things Fall Apart the New Yam Festival is an occasion for giving thanks to Goddess Ani because:
 - a) The earth Goddess is the source of all fertility.

 - b) The earth Goddess is the ultimate judge of morality and conduct.
 c) The earth Goddess is a connection between the departed fathers of the clan.

d) All three of them.



University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya

Data Channe
Date Stamp:

NAME OF THE PAPER:			
SEMESTER			
Instructions to Candidates	For Objective Type Questions		Session: 2016-17 Course
This answer booklet has 4 pages. Please check before	Page No. Marks		
writing whether it is complete or in good condition.		SECTION AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY.	
Do not write your name anywhere in the answer booklet.			Roll No
Write legibly on both sides of the paper	Karaman and American		Enrollment No
4. You may use some space for any rough notes or calculation			
on the answer booklet if you need. These rough notes,			Semester
calculations must be scored out before submitting the answer			Name of the Paper_
booklet.			
5. Do not bring any book or loose paper in the examination			
hall.	Total		Paper Code
6. Do not tear any page from the answer booklet.	For Descriptive Type Questions		
7. Do not write anything on the question paper or blotting	Question No.	Marks	
paper or any pieces of paper while you are in the examination			
hall.			
8. Any act of indiscipline or misbehavior in the examination hall			
will result in your expulsion.			•
9. No examinee is allowed to leave the examination hall until			
30 minutes lapse after the commencement of the examination.			
10. Additional answer sheet will be supplied after the main			
answer booklet is completed.			
answer source is completed.			
	Total Grand Total		

Scrutinizer's Signature

Examiner's Signature

Invigilator's Signature