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GREENBURY SECONDARY SCHOOL
THIRD QUARTERLY TEST - 2017
ENGLISH: GRADE 11

EXAMINERS AND MODERATORS: GM, LG, LM, FAV

DURATION: 1 HOUR

DATE: 19-09-2017

MARKS: 35

NPP: 3

Name:

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. Read ALL the instructions carefully.
2. Answer ALL the questions.
3. Leave a line after each answer.
4. Pay special attention to spelling and sentence construction.
5. Write neatly and legibly.

QUESTION ONE

POETRY - CONTEXTUAL QUESTION

Read the poem below carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

Love poem for my country

My country is for love
so say its valleys
where ancient rivers flow
the full circle of life
under the proud eye of birds
adorning the sky

My country is for peace
so says the veld
where reptiles caress
its surface
with elegant motions
glittering in their pride

My country
is for joy
so talk the mountains
with baboons
hopping from boulder to boulder
in the majestic delight
of cliffs and peaks

My country
is for health and wealth
see the blue of the sea
and beneath
the jewels of fish
deep under the bowels of soil
hear
the golden voice
of a miner's praise
for my country

My country
is for unity
feel the millions
see their passion
their hands are joined together
there is hope in their eyes

we shall celebrate

- 1.1 Explain the effectiveness of the repetition of “My country” at the beginning of each stanza. (2)
- 1.2 How does the word “caress” (line 9) add to your understanding of the poem. (2)
- 1.3 Refer to line 24: “the jewels of fish”
Comment on the appropriateness of this image in the context of the poem. (3)
- 1.4 In the final line (“we shall celebrate”) the speaker expresses feelings of great hope.
Do you agree with this assertion (statement)? Justify your response by making close reference to the diction. (3)
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QUESTION TWO

NOVEL: ESSAY QUESTION


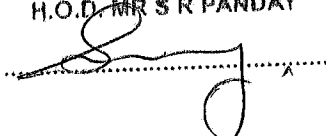
In the novel, “Things Fall Apart”, Achebe condemns all tribal practices.

Critically discuss the above assertion in a well-constructed essay of 350 – 400 words (about 2 pages).

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SUGGESTED ANSWERS

1.1. Firstly, the repetition links/creates a connection between the stanzas thus suggesting a unity in "My country". Secondly, the My (appearing first and being the only capital letter) emphasizes that the speaker is extremely proud in claiming the country (first person possessive pronoun). Thirdly, in positioning this refrain at the beginning, he effectively highlights a key message. (Any ONE) (2)

1.2. The word "caress" means a tender, loving touch expressing affection thus it suggests the "reptiles" (creatures) love for the country. (2)

1.3. This metaphor compares the "fish" to "jewels". It implies that the natural resources of the country are precious and greatly valued, both as it contributes to the economy as well as our "health" by providing a nutritious source of food. This is appropriate as the stanza focuses on the country's "health and wealth".
1 + 1 + 1 Image + Comment + Appropriateness (3)

1.4. Yes. The speaker is convinced/hopeful and optimistic about a country that is completely united. Firstly, he changes to the first person plural possessive pronoun "we" to indicate the end to "my", "its", "their" and a change to complete unity/coming together of all. Secondly, "shall" expresses the future tense in

the form of a strong assertion thus it carries the tone of absolute conviction regarding the future.

Thirdly, ~~the~~ to "celebrate" is to gather in joy to mark a significant event thus this world implies a bright future deserving of celebration

(1/2 x 2) Any two well explained

(3)

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NOVEL: ESSAY QUESTION

SUGGESTED POINTS / GUIDELINES (require substantiation):

(*) Learners may choose from points listed below
(* Use DOE rubric for assessment of essay)

* Author does not condemn all tribal practices - tries to present an objective view.
Admires:

() * Sense of unity, homogeneity - averted war through a democratic meeting in market-place when a woman was murdered - peace loving people.

* Strong family values
Family represents continuity. Both parents played a role in preparing young men & women for responsible adulthood. Entire family works on farm & attend functions.

* Respect for elders emphasized - provide examples & discuss

() * Tribal people are warm & hospitable towards guests - offer palm wine, break kola nut & pray for guidance from ancestors - first socialise then get to heart of problem (examples / evidence + discussion)

* Appreciate and respect nature - observe Week of Peace - pay homage to earth goddess Ani for success of crop and prosperity. New Yam festival emphasises this.

* Implement a system of social justice equivalent to legal cases / court hearings of the west - "egwogwos" play pivotal role - domestic and land dispute case.

* Bride-price decided amicably in many villages eg. Oberieka's daughter's - bargained using broomsticks - matter settled peacefully.

* Change for the better. Older men such as Ezeudu & Obierika do not participate in the human sacrifice of Ikemefuna.

* Fidelity & chastity highly prized. Obierika's daughter swears she is a virgin.

Condemns/criticizes:

* Wrestling matches which emphasized physical aggression, male prowess to the exclusion of moral courage.
eg. Okonkwo, Maduka, Okafu ~ become titled men.

Okonkwo thrives on projecting a "macho image".

* The exclusion/stigmatization of men like Unoka.

Despite his laziness, he is gentle, artistic and peaceful but is regarded as an "agbala" - an outcast.

* Human sacrifice ~ Ikemefuna becomes the possession of the tribe. Okonkwo brings home 5 human heads & is revered for it.

* Throwing of twins (believed to be evil) into the Evil forest - treated inhumanely.

* Class consciousness - "osu" believed to be low class - social outcasts ~ not allowed to share/cut hair.

* Mutilation of "ebanji" children - Ekwefi's previous children/babies tormented.

* Emphasis on spirit world (wrestling match, chi, egwugwu) so great that the unmasking of an egwugwu causes great tension & animosity between two religions.

* Treatment of women - subservient, submissive - note Okonkwo's *nganyan* failed to Motherland - is a male chauvinist.

* Conclusion: Offers pros and cons of tribal and western religion offered. Tribal practices has merits