

## LITERATURE IN ENGLISH S2

TIME: 1Hour 30 minutes

### INSTRUCTIONS:

All questions are to be attempted.

All your answers must be written on this question paper.

### SECTION A

1. Read this passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

#### I SHALL BE CALLED "ALL OF YOU"

Once upon a time, all birds were invited to a feast in the sky. They were very happy and began to prepare themselves for the great day. They painted their bodies with red cam wood and drew beautiful patterns on them.

Tortoise saw all these preparations and soon discovered what it meant. Nothing that happened in the world of the animals ever escaped his notice; he was full of cunning. As soon as he heard of the great feast in the sky, his throat began to itch at the very thought of it. There was famine in those days and Tortoise had not eaten a good meal for two months. His body rattled like a piece of dry wood in his empty shell. So he began to plan how he would go to the sky.

But Tortoise had no wings. So he went to the birds and asked to be allowed to go with them.

"We know you too well; said the birds when they heard him, "You are cunning and ungrateful. If we allow you to come with us, you will so begin your mischief."

"You don't know me, said Tortoise; I am a changed man. I have learnt that a man who makes trouble for others is also making trouble for himself."

Tortoise had a sweet tongue, and with a short time, all the birds agreed he was a changed man and they each gave him a feather with which he made two wings.

At last the great day came and Tortoise was the first at the meeting place. When all the birds had gathered together, they set off in a body. Tortoise was happy and valuable as he flew among the birds, and he was so chosen to be the man to speak for the birds at the party because he was a good arator.

“There is one important thing which we must not forget. “He said as they flew on their way, when people are invited to a great feast like this, they take new names for the occasion. Our hosts in the sky well expected us to honor this age old custom”

None of the birds had heard of this custom, they knew that Tortoise in spite of his failings in other directions was a widely travelled man who knew the customs of different people. And so, each of them took on a new name. When they had all taken, Tortoise also took one. He was to be called “All of you”

At last they arrived in the sky and there were very happy to see them. Tortoise stood up in his many coloured plumage and thanked them all for their invitation. His speech was so eloquent that all the birds were glad they had brought him, and nodded their heads in approval of all that he said. Their hosts took him as the king of the birds especially as he looked somewhat different from the others.

After fruits and juice had been presented and eaten, the people of the sky let before their guests the roost appetizing dishes (food). Tortoise had overseen and dreamt of. The soup was brought out hot from the fire and in the very pot in which it had been cooked. It was full of meat and fish. Immediately Tortoise began to sniff aloud. There was every kind of food and drinks. When everything had been set for the quest, one of the people of the sky came forward and tasted a little from each pot. He then invited the birds to come and eat but Tortoise jumped to his feet and asked, “For whom have you prepared this meal?” “For all of you” replied the man.

Tortoise turned to the birds and said, you remember that my name is All of you. “The custom here is to serve the spokesman first, and others later. They will serve you when I have eaten.”

He began to eat while the birds grumbled angrily. The people of the sky thought it must be their custom to leave all food for their king. And so, Tortoise ate the best part of the food and drunk two pots of wine, so that he was full of food and drink; making his body filled out in his shell.

The birds gathered round to eat what was left and to pick the bones he had thrown all about the floor. Some of them felt too angry and never ate. They chose to fly home on empty stomach. But before they left, each took back the feather he had lent Tortoise. And there he stood in his hard shell full of food and wine but without any wings to fly home. He asked the birds to take a message for his wife, but they all refused.

In the end, Parrot that had felt angrier than the others suddenly changed his mind. He agreed to take the message. “Tell my wife” Said Tortoise, to bring out all the soft things in my house and cover the compound with them so that I can jump down from the sky without very great danger.

Parrot promised to deliver the message, and then flew away. But when he reached Tortoise's house, he told his wife to bring out all the hard things in the house. And so he brought out her husband's hoes, mortars, stools, spears, guns, tables, mattocks, and even his machetes. Tortoise looked out, but it was too far for him to identify what things they were.

When all seemed ready, he let himself go. He fell and fell and fell, until he began to fear that he would never stop falling. And then, like a big sound of a gunshot he crushed on his compound. His shell broke into pieces. But, there was a great medicine man in the neighborhood. Tortoise's wife sent for him and he gathered all the bits of shell and stuck them together. That is why Tortoise's shell is not smooth.

Questions:

1. Who nick names himself "All of you" and for what reason? (2 Marks)

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2. What does the phrase "He was full of cunning" in the passage mean? (2 Marks)

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3. What is the difference between what Tortoise says to the birds and what he does? (2 Marks)

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4. What mistake did the birds make? Was it to take wrong names or to invite Tortoise? Give a reason for your answer. (2 Marks)

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5. Describe the character of Tortoise as portrayed in this passage. (10 Marks)

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6. Assuming you were one of the birds, what would you immediately do when Tortoise hijacked the food and why? (2 Marks)

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7. Did Tortoise deserve the punishment he received at the end of the passage? Give two reasons for your answer. (3 Marks)

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8. What lessons do you learn from the above story? Give two. (4 Marks)

SECTION B

9. Define the following literary terms. (1 Mark each)

(a) Setting

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(b) Plot

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(c) Myth

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(d) Legend

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(e) Dialogue

SECTION C

DAVID RUBADIRI: Growing up with poetry

2. Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

A Freedom song

Atieno washes dishes,  
Atieno plucks the chicken,  
Atieno gets up early,  
beds her sacks down in the kitchen,  
    Atieno eight years old  
    Atieno yo.

Since she is my sister's child  
Atieno needs no pay  
While she works my wife can sit  
Sewing every sunny day,  
    With her earnings I support  
    Atieno yo.

Atieno's sly and jealous  
Bad example to the kids  
Since she minds them, like a schoolgirl  
Wants their dresses, shoes and beads.  
    Atieno ten years old,  
    Atieno yo.

Now my wife has gone to study  
Atieno is less free,  
Don't I feed her, school my own ones,  
Pay the party, union fee  
    All for progress? Aren't you grateful,  
    Atieno yo?

Visitors need much attention ,  
Specially when I work nights.  
That girl stays too long at market  
Who will teach her what is right?  
    Atieno rising fourteen,  
    Atieno yo,

Atieno's had a baby  
So we know that is bad  
Fifty-fifty it may live  
To repeat the life she had,  
ending in post partum bleeding  
Atieno yo.

Atieno's soon replaced  
Meat and sugar more than all  
She ate in such a narrow life  
Were lavished on her funeral  
Atieno's gone to glory  
Atieno yo.

Marjorie Oludhe Macgoye (Kenya)

Questions:

- (a) What daily tasks does Atieno do at home? Give three. (3 Marks)  
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- (b) From what Atieno does, describe her character. (2 Marks)  
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- (c) Define the term persona. (2 Marks)  
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- (d) Who is speaking in this poem? (2 Marks)  
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- (e) What blood relationship is there between Atieno and the speaker? (2 Marks)  
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- (f) Describe the character of the speaker as portrayed in the poem. (6 Marks)  
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(g) In stanzas two and four, what excuses does the speaker give for not paying Atieno? Give four. (4 Marks)

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(h) Where has Atieno gone? (2 Marks)

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(i) Do you think it is right not to pay workers much as you feed them? (2 Marks)

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(j) The third and fifth stanzas are complaints against Atieno. What faults does the speaker find in her? (3 Marks)

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“ALL OUR DREAMS CAN COME TRUE IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO PURSUE THEM”