

# **NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY** OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION

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	INSTRUCTIONS
	1. Answer ALL the questions.
	2. Write clearly and neatly.
	3. Number the answers clearly.
	<ol> <li>Indicate whether you are a FM,Pm or DI student on the cover of your answer booklet.</li> </ol>
	5. Up to 10% will be deducted from your final mark for language errors.

#### **QUESTION 1**

Analyse the following poem paying particular attention to the speaker's use of rhetoric and how this conveys the message of the poem to the reader. [35]

# **KEAMOGETSI MOLOPONG: I AM A NAMIBIAN TOO**

I am Keamogetsi joseph Molapong And I am Namibian ;born that way Some comrades claimed over the years That my surname does not sound Namibian Comrades, this Namibia is my country

When you left the country to the administrators And opted to fight from beyond the borders I was already here, breathing the cloud of dust You left behind, the same dust that covered our blood Covered screams, the graves of many people, lives

You left in such a hurry; you forgot your memory, Escaped the land that called after you, comrades The soil missed the naked feet with which you massaged Its aching belly, ageing silly ,hissing in anger, loneliness I was there the day you left for the unknown ,exile, freedom

I have seen things, experienced segregation, survived it. Time brought the enemy to my doorsteps, to our hearts I have felt the breath of the enemy against my black skin The rage of the master was never tamed, it burst by itself Yes comrades, I was taught to be inferior, made to die young I was here when you came back ,listened to your stories ,visions You kept on talking, I listened ,and I heard every single word you said Felt the pain in my soul, for I knew what you told me, I understood Yes comrades, I was part of the process ,but inside the country ,home I too had tales to tell ,ideas to share ,visions to secure our freedom

I talked, comrades, I shared my ideas, explained my purpose ,I spoke. And only deaf ears listened to me, nodded in ignorance, stared at me My voice echoed in my head, my heart thrust ,my veins opened The sun set and the dust rose again, hovering above ,falling on me Covering me with hopelessness, my spirit sunk burying my hope.

I might not be a returnee, or a detainee for that matter. Neither am I an *I-have-been,* nor a *wannabee*, comrades I have no political ambitions, nor am I vying for B.E.E. I am just a Namibian, the one you left many years ago The very same one who welcomed you some decades later.

# **QUESTION 2**

# Read the following poem and analyse it by answering the questions that follow. [35]

- a) Analyse the use of imagery and how it contributes to the overall meaning. (20 marks)
- b) Show how further poetic techniques are used to give emphasis and pathos to the message. (15 marks)

# NGHIKEMBUA, PRIDE OF AN AFRICAN WOMAN

The pride of an African woman

Runs through every woman's veins Watch her walk the long paths. Baby on her back, Wood on her head, And a bucket of water at hand.

Right from afar, The sound of her beads echo As she makes way to her beloved family And care is what fills her heart, For her family is right at heart.

As her feet touch the ground, Smiles will be on admirer's faces, And pity is absent on the lover's face. See how hard working women are. Waking up earlier than anyone else To prepare food-Food that has been processed by them. Never mind the amount of energies used, For one may lose count.

The pride of an African woman Still remains within her. No matter the number of beatings he gave her. The pride of an African woman Shines in her eyes The pride of an African girl Grows the strongest each time she walks the long paths from school.

The pride of an African woman

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Grows the strongest when she is recognized

The pride of an African woman

Is one you can't easily take away.

#### **Question 3**

Read the following poem and answer the following questions through an in-depth analysis.

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- a) Who do the pronouns "I", and "me" refer to? How does the use of these pronouns contribute to the overall message? (10 marks)
- b) How is imagery used to emphasise the message? (20 marks)

#### MASHILE-THERE IS A ME THAT I COULD BE

There is a me that I could be If I just let her breathe outside. A thundering song that I could sing If I just let her breathe outside.

There is a me who lives unseen She paces the corridors inside She's made of dreams that flow in between These walls in my mind She's my internal shadow traversing time The relentless hope that slowly seeps through my eyes Like the sun draped dawn, She never asks why it is her job to ignite me, Her purpose to be my guide To the me that I could be If I just let her breathe outside To the thundering song that I could sing If I just let her breathe outside Transformation is the spirit changing gear, The elements of one's being becoming aware That the future is always far When your feet are firmly planted here Attached to the present Rooted in fear

Change is the pulse of possibility Pulling from the periphery to now It is the questions unanswered The journey through the why's and the how's It is a sojourn through darkness with a solitary flame as guide It is the sole destination, the navigator and the ride It is the blue light revelation revealed when morning cracks It is abundance when you have known how it feels to live in lack It is the race, the car, the ref, the scorecard and the track, It is eyes fixed to the horizon with angels at your back It is the purpose held with reverence reverted to when doubt attacks It is an energizing uncertainty leaving no option of turning back Always shifting Always present Demanding of us to be more than who we see ourselves to be Than what we were before Tomorrow is an infinite portal with no ceiling and no floor There is only the ledge that beckons us And wings designed for us to soar

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