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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION  
(ARTS)**

**LITT 211: LANGUAGE USE AND DESCRIPTION**

**STREAMS: BED (ARTS) (SB)**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 12/04/2018**

**11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer three questions in all.**
- **Question one is compulsory.**
- **Avoid duplication of illustrations.**

1. (a) Describe the language used in the poem below: (10 marks)

OUTCAST by G. Gathemia

They met by accident  
He proposed the idea  
All the way to the altar

The casualty was male  
And his pigment was pale  
Unlike his alleged sire  
Who was black with ire

The recourse was legitimate  
He declaimed responsibility  
So they had remains to separate  
The boy remains illegitimate

Last month, not long ago,  
They both took their go  
Coincidentally by accident  
Nothing to inherit

The poor boy is hardly ten  
And knows no next of kin  
He roams the streets of town  
Like a wind sown outcast

- (b) Describe five characteristics of language used in literature. (10 marks)
- (c) Explain five stylistics devices that are specifically used in plays. (10 marks)
2. Using any one text studied in this unit for illustrations, discuss the common stylistics devices employed by African novelists. (20 marks)
3. While stating the literary devices under each, discuss the four levels under which literary language is analyzed and described. (20 marks)
4. Describe the uniqueness of the language used in short stories. Illustrate your answer. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the relationship between language and literature. (20 marks)
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