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12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Answer ALL the questions.

[20 MARKS]

1. Explain **two** major factors that inspired poets to write during the colonial period. [2 marks]
2. Give **two** reasons to support why colonial poets wrote in non-African languages instead of African languages. [2 marks]
3. a. Mention **two** African poets who addressed colonial issues in their poems. [1 mark]
b. For which **two** reasons will you consider their poems as African poems? [2 marks]

Read the extract below and answer questions 4 and 5.

It's the many human hours, Sister,
it's the sweat and blood, Brother,
which makes the bead a thing apart
from precious diamonds, opals, and gold.

4. According to the persona, what makes the beads more precious than others? [2 marks]
5. What literary device is evident in the last two lines? [1 mark]
6. In **two** sentences, explain the message in Mbella Sonne Dipoko's "Our History To Precolonial Africa." [2 marks]

Read the extract below and answer questions 7 and 8.

So did our days change their garb
From hides of leopard skin
To prints of false lions
That fall in tatters
Like the wings of whipped butterflies.

7. What is the tone of the persona in the above extract? [2 marks]
8. Briefly explain the metaphor in the excerpt above. [2 marks]

Read the extract below and answer questions 9 and 10.

Clothes wave like tattered flags
Flying off
To expose dangling breasts
As jagged blinding flashes
Rumble, tremble and crack
Amidst the smell of fired smoke
And the pelting march of the storm.

9. How does the extract above depict the effect of colonialism on the persona? [2 marks]
10. In the context of the poem "African Thunderstorm", explain the last four lines of the extract above. [2 marks]