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FACULTY OF ARTS
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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: ENG820

COURSE TITLE: Linguistics and the Study of Literature

COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units

Time allowed: Three (3) Hours

Instruction: Answer any four questions.

1. Analyse the nursery rhyme below drawing out specific stylistic features (17^{1/2} marks)

*Baa Baa Black Sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes, sir, yes, sir,
Three bags full;
One for the master,
One for the dame,
And one for the little boy
Who lives down the lane.*

2. Repetition is both a literary and linguistic device. Use the nursery rhyme in question 1, to explain the repetitive types in stylistics (17^{1/2} marks)
3. Using any text of your choice, explain the efficacy of tropes in literary stylistics (17^{1/2} marks)
4. Carry out a critique of contemporary literary works using specific literary writers and their works. (17^{1/2} marks)
5. Differentiate between Foregrounding and Cohesion (17^{1/2} marks)
6. Discuss how linguistic apparatuses can be used to carry out a stylistic analysis of the new national anthem. (17^{1/2} marks)