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1.0 PREAMBLE

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Forms 5 – 6 Literature in English syllabus enhances learners` ability to appreciate, analyse and present arguments (views, opinions) comprehensively. The syllabus endeavours to instil the principles of inclusivity, acceptable attitudes, values and habits. Literature is a vehicle through which Unhu/Ubuntu/Vumunhu (societal norms and values) and experiences of Zimbabweans, Africans and other peoples of the world are interrogated. For this reason, the Zimbabwean and the Comment and Appreciation Papers have been made compulsory.

1.2 RATIONALE

The syllabus is intended to sharpen and broaden the learners` appreciation of different genres (poetry, prose and drama). It enhances analytical skills and creates independent thought. The syllabus cultivates heritage awareness, patriotism and tolerance of other peoples and their cultures. The learners` knowledge enables them to discern and handle social relations objectively. The syllabus promotes enterprise skills through creative writing, audio-visual performances, public displays and creative arts. In addition, learners will acquire the following life skills:

- Communication
- Creative writing and Innovation
- Self-management and Moral judgment
- Problem solving
- Leadership skills and Teamwork
- Technology integration
- Research
- Decision making
- Conflict resolution

1.3 SUMMARY OF CONTENT

The Forms 5 and 6 Literature in English syllabus covers literature from Zimbabwe, Africa and the rest of the world. The emphasis is on the analysis and evaluation of experiences of various peoples and how writers use language and style to convey meaning. The syllabus focuses on the study of drama, poetry and prose.

1.4 ASSUMPTIONS

It is assumed that the learner:

- is able to read and communicate views on a text independently
- has studied different genres of literature and can identify different techniques used in such
- can comment on contemporary issues such as HIV and AIDS, poverty, corruption and gender raised in texts
- is able to identify and explain plot, setting, themes and characters in a given text

1.5 CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

The following cross-cutting themes should be addressed through the teaching and learning of Literature in English at Forms 5 and 6:

- Children's Rights and Responsibilities
- Communication
- Gender Equity
- Human Rights
- Sexuality, HIV and AIDS
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Heritage Studies
- Collaboration
- Environmental Issues
- Guidance and Counselling
- Enterprise Skills
- Life Skills

2.0 PRESENTATION OF SYLLABUS

The Literature in English syllabus is presented as a single document that covers Forms 5 and 6.

3.0 AIMS

The syllabus aims to:

- develop an appreciation of, and an informed personal response to Literature in English in a variety of texts in different genres and from different historical periods and cultures
- develop skills of critical literary analysis
- enrich learners' qualities of Unhu/Ubuntu/Vumunhu; strengthening patriotism and appreciation of national culture and heritage
- empower learners with relevant knowledge and skills to solve problems in different situations
- cultivate a culture of intensive and extensive reading for personal development and enrichment
- enhance enterprise skills in learners for self-sustenance

4.0 SYLLABUS OBJECTIVES

It is expected that by the end of the two-year period of study, learners will be able to:

- appreciate the contexts in which literary works are written and understood
- comment on the ways in which writers' choices of form, structure and language shape meaning
- · produce knowledgeable, independent opinions and judgements on literary texts
- communicate clearly and effectively the knowledge, understanding and insight appropriate to Unhu/Ubuntu/Vumunhu philosophy in Zimbabwean and other literatures
- relate literary works to their personal and social experiences
- read a variety of texts for enjoyment and personal enrichment
- create their own literary works
- use ICT skills to research on a variety of literary issues and cross cutting themes
- use literary skills to start and manage own businesses

5.0 METHODOLOGY AND TIME ALLOCATION

5.1 METHODOLOGY

Interactive, multi-sensory and holistic approaches are recommended to enhance inclusive participation in the teaching and learning of Literature in English. In this regard, the following learner-centred methodologies are suggested in order to enrich and develop the learners:

- Research
- Discussions
- Presentations
- Seminars
- Debate and public speaking
- Theatre and drama
- Educational tours
- Use of ICT tools
- Interviews
- Use of resource persons

5.2 Time Allocation

The learning area should be allocated at least 10 periods of 35-40 minutes per week and at least 2 Educational Tours, that is, one in Form 5 and one in Form 6.

6.0 TOPICS

- Genres
- Critical Appreciation
- Background to set texts
- Setting
- Plot
- Themes
- Literary techniques
- Characterisation

7.0 SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

TOPIC	FORM 5	FORM 6
GENRES	Prose, poetry, drama	Prose, poetry, drama
	Form, structure and language	Form, structure and language
CRITICAL APPRECIATION	 Approaches and methods to critical appreciation Effectiveness of literary techniques Narrative techniques and stylistic devices Techniques in drama 	 Approaches and methods to critical appreciation Effectiveness of literary techniques Narrative techniques and stylistic devices Techniques in drama
BACKGROUND TO SET TEXTS	 Historical background: Social Political Economical Cultural Writers' background 	Historical background: -Social -Political -Economical -Cultural Writers' background
SETTING	Setting (time and place)	Setting (time and place)
PLOT	Plots and sub-plots	Plots and sub-plots
THEMES/CONCERNS	Major and minor themes in a textThemes in relation to learners` experiences	 Major and minor themes in a text Themes in relation to learners` experiences
LITERARY TECHNIQUES	 Titling Narrative methods and style Techniques in drama Poetic devices 	 Titling Narrative methods and style Techniques in drama Poetic devices
CHARACTERISATION	Characters	Characters

8.0 COMPETENCY MATRIX

FORM 5

8.1.1 TOPIC 1: GENRES

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
PROSE, POETRY, DRAMA	 state the characteristics of each genre assess the appropriateness of the genre to express the content 	 characteristics of each genre suitability of genre to content 	 Researching on the characteristics of each genre Analysing set texts 	Reference materialsSample textsICT tools
FORM, STRUCTURE AND LANGUAGE	 comment on the form, structure and language used analyse the writer`s use of language to convey meaning 	 Relationship between form, language and structure to meaning Writer`s use of language 	 Discussing the significance of form, structure and language used Commenting on ways in which writers use language to convey meaning 	 Reference materials Sample texts ICT tools

8.1.2 TOPIC 2: CRITICAL APPRECIATION

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
APPROACHES AND METHODS TO CRITICAL	 demonstrate an understanding of different 	Approaches such as:GenderFormalist	 Researching, presenting and discussing 	ICT toolsReference materials

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
APPRECIATION	approaches and methods to critical appreciation compose own literary works	 Biographical Historical Reader Response Mythological Sociological Psychological Use of comparison, contrast, continuation of passages Effectiveness of approaches and methods to critical appreciation 	approaches and methods to critical appreciation Creating own literary works Critiquing sample texts	 Sample texts Resource persons
LITERARY APPRECIATION (POETRY)	 analyse the effectiveness of literary devices used in poetry use appropriate literary devices in their creative writing 	 Effects of literary techniques Literary techniques in given contexts Tone Mood Atmosphere 	 Researching on relevance of techniques Discussing effectiveness of literary devices used in poetry Writing and performing poetry on cross cutting issues such as HIV and AIDS, poverty, corruption Attending public performances by professional poets 	 ICT tools Reference materials Personal portfolio Resource persons
NARRATIVE TECHNIQUES	analyse different narrative	Narrative techniques such as:	Discussing different narrative	ICT toolsReference

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
AND STYLISTIC DEVICES (PROSE)	techniques and stylistic devices used in texts under study • evaluate the appropriateness of narrative techniques to the message of the text	 Author`s point of view Flashback Foreshadowing Stylistic devices Appropriateness of narrative techniques to the message of texts Tone Mood Atmosphere 	techniques and stylistic devices used in texts under study • Evaluating the appropriateness of narrative techniques to the message of the text • Creating literary works	material Set texts Sample texts Resource persons
TECHNIQUES IN DRAMA	 explore techniques in drama examine the effectiveness of dramatic techniques 	 Dramatic techniques such as: Soliloquy Aside Costume Characterisation Effectiveness of dramatic techniques Tone Mood Atmosphere 	 Analysing techniques in drama Evaluating the effectiveness of dramatic techniques in texts Dramatising extracts from texts 	 Relevant texts ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons

8.1.3 TOPIC 3: BACKGROUND TO SET TEXTS

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND	 analyse historical background of selected texts comment on the relationship between the background and the central ideas in a text 	 Historical background: social political economic cultural writers' background Critique of background of a text 	 Researching on historical information on a text under study Assessing the extent to which the background contributes to the understanding of the text 	 Set text ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons

8.1.4 TOPIC 4: SETTING

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
SETTING (TIME AND PLACE)	 Identify different settings in a text assess the relationship between setting and events in a text 	 Setting Place and time Significance of setting in a text 	 Distinguishing different settings in a text Discussing the relevance of setting to unfolding events Relating setting to different prevailing situations in set texts 	 Maps ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons

8.1.5 TOPIC 5: PLOT

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
PLOTS AND SUB-PLOTS	 analyse different plot types explore the relationship between main plots and sub-plots trace the development of plot in given texts create short stories and drama using different plot types 	 Types of plots: Linear Cyclical Fragmented Flashback and foreshadowing Significance of identified types of plot Relationship between sub-plots and main plots Plot development 	 Discussing the significance of the plots Exemplifying different plot types Dramatizing events in set texts critiquing the plot development Writing short stories and drama using different plot types 	 ICT tools Reference materials Set texts Resource persons Costumes and props

8.1.6 TOPIC 6: THEMES/CONCERNS

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT SUGGESTED LEARNII ACTIVITIES AND NOTI		SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
MAJOR AND MINOR CONCERNS	 identify major and minor concerns evaluate major themes and minor themes 	 Main concerns in a text Minor themes in a text Relationship between major and minor themes 	 Researching on major and minor themes Discussing major and minor themes 	 ICT tools Reference materials Set texts Resource persons

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
THEMES IN RELATION TO LEARNERS` EXPERIENCES	 relate themes in a text to learners' experiences create stories, poems and drama on contemporary and cross-cutting themes from texts 	Themes in relation to learners' experiences	 Critiquing themes in relation to individual experience Composing stories, poems and drama on contemporary and cross-cutting themes for performance and publication 	 ICT tools Set texts Reference materials Resource persons Costumes and props

8.1.7 TOPIC 7: LITERARY TECHNIQUES

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to):	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skil attitudes)	ls and	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
TITLING	 evaluate the relevance of the title to the text deduce meaning from texts` cover graphics comment on the significance of texts` cover designs design cover graphics for studied texts 	- - - • [Types of titles - Metaphorical - Ironic - Eponymous Pictures and colours of the cover of a text	relesture sture Exp me the colo	cussing the evance of titles of died texts plaining the anings conveyed by cover pictures and purs of texts eating own cover phics for studied ts	 Set texts ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
NARRATIVE METHODS AND STYLE	 assess the effectiveness of narrative techniques in set texts justify the use of stylistic devices in set texts 	Narrative methodsStylistic devices	 Evaluating the effects of narrative techniques used in set texts Commenting on the use of stylistic devices in set texts 	 Set texts ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons
TECHNIQUES IN DRAMA	 analyse the different forms of drama comment on the effectiveness of dramatic techniques produce a play from a studied text adapt a set text play to suit their own environment 	 Forms of drama: Tragedy Comedy Tragi-comedy Dramatic techniques: Stage directions Exposition Aside Soliloquy Dramatic irony Stage craft: Lighting Props Theatre and film 	 Differentiating forms of drama Discussing the effectiveness of dramatic techniques in a given text Producing and staging contextualised versions of texts Creating and staging own plays 	 ICT tools Costumes Props Set texts Sample texts Resource persons
POETIC DEVICES	 evaluate different types of poems in relation to different poetic devices assess the effectiveness of poetic devices 	 Types of poems: Narrative (epic, mockepic, ballad) Lyrical Descriptive and Didactic Poetic devices 	 Exploring different types of poems in relation to different poetic devices Discussing the effectiveness of poetic devices 	 ICT tools Reference materials Set texts Sample texts Resource persons

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
		such as:		
		- Imagery		
		- Metaphor		
		- Symbolism		
		- Onomatopoeia		
		- Oxymoron		
		- Alliteration		
		- Assonance		

8.1.8 TOPIC 8: CHARACTERISATION

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
CHARACTERS	 relate characters to their societal norms and values describe the role and significance of characters in a text 	 Significance and role of characters (thematic development of plot) Characters as symbols Aptness of names Personal response to characters 	 Relating characters to their societal norms and values (Unhu/Vuntu/Vumunhu) Discussing the roles and significance of characters in a text Commenting on characters as symbols Evaluating the literary value of some names of characters in a text 	 ICT tools Set books Reference materials Resource persons

FORM 6

8.2.1 TOPIC 1: GENRES

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
PROSE, POETRY, DRAMA	 compare and contrast characteristics of different genres assess the appropriateness of the genre to express the content 	 characteristics of each genre suitability of genre to content 	 Researching on the characteristics of each genre Distinguishing characteristics of genres Analysing set texts 	 Reference materials Sample texts ICT tools Resource persons
FORM, STRUCTURE AND LANGUAGE	 comment on the form, structure and language used evaluate the effectiveness of the writer`s use of language to convey meaning 	 Relationship between form, language and structure to meaning Writer`s use of language 	 Discussing the significance of form, structure and language used Commenting on ways in which writers use language to convey meaning 	 Reference materials Sample texts ICT tools

8.2.2 TOPIC 2: CRITICAL APPRECIATION

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
APPROACHES AND METHODS TO CRITICAL APPRECIATION	analyse texts using different approaches and methods	 Approaches such as: Afrocentric Gender Formalist New Criticism Biographical/Autobiographical Historical Reader Response Mythological Marxist Psychological Use of comparison, contrast, continuation of passages Effectiveness of approaches and methods to critical appreciation 	 Researching, presenting and discussing approaches and methods to critical appreciation Comparing and contrasting different approaches and methods to critical appreciation Creating own literary works 	 ICT tools Reference materials Sample texts Resource persons
LITERARY APPRECIATION (POETRY)	 analyse the effectiveness of literary devices used in poetry use appropriate literary devices in their creative writing 	 Effects of literary techniques Tone Mood Atmosphere 	 Researching on relevance of techniques Discussing effectiveness of literary devices used in poetry Writing and performing 	 ICT tools Reference materials Personal portfolio Resource persons

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
			poetry on cross cutting issues such as gender, disaster risk reduction, environmental awareness Attending public performances by professional poets	
NARRATIVE TECHNIQUES AND STYLISTIC DEVICES (PROSE)	 analyse different narrative techniques and stylistic devices used in texts under study evaluate the appropriateness of narrative techniques to the message of the text 	 Narrative techniques such as: Author`s point of view Flashback Foreshadowing Stylistic devices Appropriateness of narrative techniques to the message of texts Tone Mood Atmosphere 	 Discussing different narrative techniques and stylistic devices used in texts under study Evaluating the appropriateness of narrative techniques to the message of the text Creating literary works 	 ICT tools Reference materials Set texts Sample texts Resource persons
TECHNIQUES IN DRAMA	 explore techniques in drama examine the effectiveness of 	 Dramatic techniques such as: Soliloquy Aside Costume Characterisation 	 Analysing techniques in drama Evaluating the effectiveness of 	 Relevant texts ICT tools Reference materials

SUB TOP	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
	dramatic techniques	 Effectiveness of dramatic techniques Tone Mood Atmosphere 	dramatic techniques in texts • Filming performances of extracts from texts	Resource personsICT tools

8.2.3 TOPIC 3: BACKGROUND TO SET TEXTS

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND	 examine historical background of selected texts evaluate the relationship between the background and the central ideas in a text 	 Historical background: social political economic cultural writers' background Critique of background of a text 	 Researching on historical information on a text under study Assessing the extent to which the background contributes to the understanding of the text 	 Set texts ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons

8.2.4 TOPIC 4: SETTING

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
SETTING (TIME AND PLACE)	 explore different settings in a text evaluate the relationship between setting and events in a text 	 Setting Place and time Significance of setting in a text 	 Distinguishing different settings in a text Discussing the relevance of setting to unfolding events Relating setting to different prevailing situations in set texts 	 Maps ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons

8.2.5 TOPIC 5: PLOT

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
PLOTS AND SUB-PLOTS	 explore different plot types examine the relationship between main plots and sub- plots trace the development 	 Types of plots: Linear Cyclical Fragmented Flashback and foreshadowing Significance of 	 Discussing the significance of the plots Exemplifying different plot types Dramatizing events in set texts critiquing the plot 	 ICT tools Reference materials Set texts Resource persons Costumes

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
	of plot in given texts create short stories and drama using different plot types	 identified types of plot Relationship between sub-plots and main plots Plot development 	 development Writing short stories and drama using different plot types 	and props

8.2.6 TOPIC 6: THEMES

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
MAJOR AND MINOR THEMES	 explore the relationship of different themes in set texts distinguish between major and minor themes comment on the treatment of themes in set texts 	 Main themes in a text Minor themes in a text Relationship of themes 	 Researching on major and minor themes Discussing major and minor themes 	 ICT tools Reference materials Set texts Resource persons
THEMES IN RELATION TO LEARNERS` EXPERIENCES	 relate themes in a text to learners' experiences create stories, poems and drama on contemporary and cross-cutting themes from texts 	Themes in relation to learners' experiences	 Critiquing themes in relation to individual experience Composing stories, poems and drama on contemporary and cross-cutting themes for performance and publication 	 ICT tools Set texts Reference materials Resource persons Costumes and props

8.2.7 TOPIC 7: LITERARY TECHNIQUES

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
TITLING	 evaluate the relevance of the title to the text deduce meaning from texts` cover graphics comment on the significance of texts` cover designs design cover graphics for studied texts 	 Types of titles: Metaphorical Ironic Eponymous Pictures and colours of the cover of a text 	 Debating on the relevance of titles of studied texts Explaining the meanings conveyed by the cover pictures and colours of texts Creating own cover graphics for studied texts 	 Set texts ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons
NARRATIVE METHODS AND STYLE	 analyse the effectiveness of narrative techniques in set texts justify the use of stylistic devices in set texts 	Narrative methodsStylistic devices	 Evaluating the effects of narrative techniques used in set texts Commenting on the use of stylistic devices in set texts 	 Set texts ICT tools Reference materials Resource persons
TECHNIQUES IN DRAMA	 analyse the different forms of drama comment on the effectiveness of dramatic techniques produce a play from a studied text adapt a set text play to suit their own environment 	 Forms of drama: Tragedy Comedy Tragi-comedy Dramatic techniques: Stage directions Exposition Aside Soliloquy Dramatic irony Stagecraft Lighting Props 	 Differentiating forms of drama Discussing the effectiveness of dramatic techniques in a given text Producing and staging contextualised versions of texts Creating and staging own plays 	 ICT tools Costumes Props Set texts Sample texts Resource persons

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
POETIC DEVICES	 Relate different poetic devices to types of poems assess the effectiveness of poetic devices 	 Theatre and film Types of poems: Narrative Lyrical Descriptive and didactic Poetic devices such as: Apostrophe Personification Rhyme scheme Imagery Onomatopoeia Oxymoron Alliteration Assonance 	 Exploring different types of devices in relation to types of poems Discussing the effectiveness of poetic devices 	 ICT tools Reference materials Set texts Sample texts Resource persons

8.2.8 TOPIC 8: CHARACTERISATION

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
CHARACTERS	 relate characters to their societal norms and values describe the role and significance of characters in a text 	 Significance and role of characters (thematic development of plot) Characters as symbols Aptness of 	 Placing characters in the learners` societal norms and values (Unhu/Ubuntu/Vumunhu) Justifying the roles and significance of characters in a text Commenting on characters as symbols 	 ICT tools Set books Reference materials Resource persons

SUB TOPIC	OBJECTIVES: Learners should be able to:	UNIT CONTENT (Knowledge, skills and attitudes)	SUGGESTED LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND NOTES	SUGGESTED LEARNING RESOURCES
		names • Personal response to characters in a text	Evaluating the literary value of some names of characters in a text	

9.0 ASSESSMENT

The syllabus scheme of assessment is based on the principle of inclusivity. Modifications of assessment instruments must be visible in both continuous and summative forms to make them accessible to candidates with diverse needs

Literature in English will be assessed using continuous and summative methods of assessment. Continuous assessment will constitute 30% while summative assessment will constitute 70% of the total mark. Continuous assessment will consist of:

- (a) Projects (practical and portfolio)
- (b) Written assignments and tests

9.1 ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

Learners will be assessed on their ability to:

- demonstrate an appreciation of the context in which literary works are written and understood
- critically analyse and evaluate ways in which writers' choices of form, structure and language shape meaning
- produce knowledgeable, independent opinions and judgements on literary texts

- communicate clearly and effectively the knowledge, understanding and insight appropriate to Unhu/Ubuntu/Vumunhu philosophy in Zimbabwean and other literatures
- relate literary works to their personal and social experiences
- create their own literary works
- perform excerpts from set texts, adaptations and own works

8.2 SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

Continuous Assessment

Level	Assessment Tasks	Frequency	Weighting
Form 5	Creative writing	1 per term	4%
	Written assignments	1 per term	3%
	Public Performance	Once per year	3%
	Project		
Form 6	Creative writing	1 per term	4%
	Written assignments	1 per term	3%
	Public Performance	Once per year	3%
	Project (Forms 5 and 6)	1 per course	10%
Total			30%

NB: The project will start in Form 5 and the final mark awarded in Form 6

Summative assessment

Paper 1 Comment and appreciation (Unseen passages) (Compulsory)	50	23 ^{1/} 3%	3 hours
Paper 2 Zimbabwean Literature (Compulsory)	75	23 ^{1/} 3%	3 hours
Paper 3 African, African- American and Caribbean Literatures (Optional)	75	23 ^{1/} 3%	3 hours
Paper 4 English Literature (Optional)	75	23 ¹ / _{3%}	3 hours
Paper 5 World Literature (Optional)	75	23 ^{1/} 3%	3 hours
Total		70%	

NB: CANDIDATES MUST ANSWER PAPERS 1 AND 2 AND ANY OTHER FROM PAPERS 3 TO 5

Paper Description

Paper 1: Comment and Appreciation (3 hours)

This paper is **compulsory**. Questions will be set on previously unseen excerpts. One of the questions may involve a comparison of passages and another might offer the opportunity for imaginative response. Excerpts will be drawn from:

- Poetry
- Drama
- Prose

Candidates must answer **two** questions out of a choice of four

Paper 2: Zimbabwean Literature (3 hours)

This paper is **compulsory**. It consists of three sections:

Section A: Poetry Section B: Drama Section C: Prose

Six texts are offered – two for each section. Candidates must answer **one** question from **each** section. An essay question and a passage-based question will be set on each text.

Paper 3: African, African-American and Caribbean Literature (3 hours)

This paper is **optional**. It consists of three sections:

Section A: African Literature

Section B: African-American Literature

Section C: Caribbean Literature

Six texts are offered – two for each section. Candidates must answer **one** question from **each** section. An essay question and a passage-based question will be set on each text.

Paper 4: English Literature (3 hours)

This paper is **optional**. It consists of three sections:

Section A: Drama Section B: Prose Section C: Poetry

Six texts are offered- two in section A, two in section B and two in Section C. Candidates must answer **one** question from each section. An essay question and a passage-based question will be set on each text.

Paper 5: World Literature (3 hours)

This paper is **optional**. It consists of works on prose, poetry and drama by writers from all over the world. Six texts will be set. Candidates must answer three questions from 3 texts.

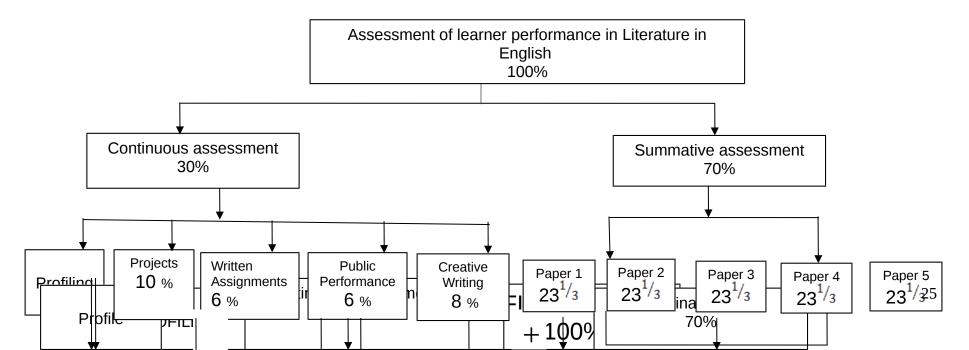
NB – Candidates will be assessed on their knowledge of texts, their imaginative and personal responses to them, as well as their ability to organise and present information, ideas and arguments clearly and logically, taking into account their use of grammar, punctuation and spelling. In all papers, continuous prose answers are required unless otherwise specified.

9.3 SPECIFICATION GRID FOR PAPERS 1,2,3,4 and 5

Skill	Weighting
Comprehension and Knowledge/recall	20%
Analysis, Application, Synthesis & Evaluation	80%
Total	100%

10.0 ASSESSMENT MODEL

Learners will be assessed using both continuous and summative methods of assessment.



APPENDIX A

RESOURCE LIST

Please note that this is NOT a list of prescribed texts, but rather a list of suggested materials.

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