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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION ARTS

ELI 3300: SOUTH AFRICAN LITERATURE

DATE: DECEMBER 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question *One* (Compulsory) and any other *Two* Questions.

QUESTION ONE - (30 MARKS)

- My Son's Story' by Nadine Gordimer is an illustration of sacrificing private life for political. Discuss. (10 Marks)
- Denis Brutus protest poems are a clear illustration of police brutality. Discuss this assertion using examples from the poem Endurance. (10 Marks)
- Our ego can be our self-destruction. Show how this contention is exemplified in the novel 'Disgrace by J.M Coetzee'. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)

- Discuss any three post-colonial issues that South Africa had to deal with using three texts you have covered in this unit. (10 Marks)
- Discuss Leah in 'Mine Boy' as an embodiment of unity and a freedom fighter. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE - (20 MARKS)

In the Fog of the Season's end protagonist 'Beukes' can be likened to Nelson Mandela. Using the novel above and the autobiography by Nelson Mandela show how they compare. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Cry My Beloved Country and *Mine Boy* were designed to convince the South African society about the value of equality and social injustice. Discuss. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the theme of culture and tradition among the Xhosa community as seen in Nelson Mandela's Autobiography. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss how vivid description has been used in Nelson Mandela autobiography. (10 Marks)