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FOUNDATIONS IN ENGLISH LITERARY STUDIES

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100 Marks

EXAMINERS

FIRST

SECOND

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Closed book examination

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This paper consists of 2 pages

This examination paper comprises **two** questions, **BOTH** of which must be answered

Question 1: *The Road to Mecca*

Change is important, since it is often changes in character that capture the interest of the audience or reader and create dramatic tension and development (*IELS* 2006 177)

Based on the above statement in *Introduction to English Literary Studies*, write an essay of at least five paragraphs (3-4 pages) in which you discuss the changes that Miss Helen undergoes after her husband's death and the dramatic tension this creates in *The Road to Mecca*. You must make references to relevant aspects of the play to support your answer.

You may want to include the following points in your discussion:

- the kind of person Miss Helen was before her widowhood and the reasons for her change
- the type of changes she undergoes after she embarks on the road to her personal Mecca
- the dramatic tensions created by this change of character

50 marks

AND

Question 2: *When Rain Clouds Gather*

Bessie Head's *When Rain Clouds Gather* deals with and condemns various manifestations or examples of oppression and domination.

In relation to the above statement, write an essay of at least five paragraphs in which you compare and contrast Makhaya Maseko and Chief Matenge.

Consider the following in your response:

- Makhaya Maseko's different experiences in South Africa and Botswana
- Chief Matenge's treatment of the villagers

You should not rewrite the plot of the novel. Rather, focus on how the themes of oppression and domination are explored through these characters.

50 marks

TOTAL: 100 marks

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