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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

SCHOOL BASED

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ART**

COURSE CODE: LIT 304

COURSE TITLE. LITERATURE OF THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT

REGULAR EXAMINATION

DATE: MONDAY 18/12/2023 TIME: 3:00-5:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer three questions. Question one is compulsory

TIME: 2 Hours

1. Discuss characteristics of any three literary epochs in the growth of European Literature.

LIT 304: The Literature of the Indian Sub-continent

End of Semester Exams 2023/2024

Instructions

This paper contains seven (5) questions. Answer Question 1 and any other 2.

1. Raja Rao in the Foreword to *Kanthapura* states: "It may have been told of an evening, when as the dusk falls, and through the sudden quiet, lights leap up in house after house, and stretching her bedding on the veranda, a grandmother might have told you, newcomer, the sad tale of her village."
 - a) Does this make the story an oral tale? With close reference to the novel, qualify your answer with any five illustrations. (15 marks).
 - b) The same Foreword speaks the condition of postcolonial writer. Justify with any three detailed illustrations. (15 marks)
2. Explain any four (4) characteristics that make an Indian sub-continent novel 'Gandhian'. Use any suitable novel studied in the course for illustration. (20 marks).
3. "The Indian sub-continent novel is a product of its time and place," discuss the validity of this statement with close reference to any novel studied in this course except *Kanthapura*. (20 marks)
4. V.S. Naipaul's *An Area of Darkness* exposes the writer's diasporic anxieties from his homeland. Discuss with close reference to the novel. (20 marks).
5. With suitable examples, demonstrate that Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things* is a private-familial tragic story that weaves together the personal and the historical. (20 marks).