BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO, OSUN STATE

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH 2018/2019 FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH LITERARY STYLISTICS

COURSE CODE: ENG 402

DATE: MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER, 2018

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer four questions in all. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY.

Undertake a stylistic analysis of the text below:

silent echoes

We can hear the silent whisper of our own cries from hurting hearts, as your torturous words sting and cripple our hypertensive hearts, O Sinator.

Let us yet echo silently of how to your famous wall of greed you have nailed our undaunted aspirations.

Let us yet echo silently of how your debilitating stay hangs like a dark cloud over our beleaguered vision.

Let us yet echo silently of how we are your menstrual cloth.

Let us yet echo silently in grieving pains How you are a good component of a bad character.

(rome aboh 2014, p. 25)

(25 marks)

How profitable is Burke (2010) to a student of stylistics?

(15 marks)

3. Trace the history and development of stylistics as a linguistic discipline. (15 marks)

4. Discuss foregrounding and its centrality to the stylistic analysis of a literary text.

(15 marks)

5. Bring up a treptise on the theory of style as choice.

(15 marks)

6. In the light of Culpeper's (1996, 2001) characterisation theory, explain the place of language in the stylistic concepts of character and characterisation. (15 marks)

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