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To : All Head teachers
Government and Private Secondary Schools,

RE: LITERATURE IN ENGLISH SET BOOKS FOR SENIOR THREE (3), 2023

The Ministry of Education and Sports through NCDC, rolled out the competence based curriculum in 2020. The New Curriculum Menu resulted in the re-organisation of the specific subject content, teaching methodology and assessment modalities. Accordingly, this re-organisation brought about the reduction in the number of Literature in English set books to be studied by learners for the Lower Secondary cycle. Although the current set books are still running (2020-2025), there is need to guide the teachers on how to select the preferred text per genre, from the prescribed list.

The current texts on the list of the set books are:

Section A:

Either: Francis Imbuga: *The Return of Mgofu* (Play)
Or: William Shakespeare: *The Merchant of Venice* (Play)
Either: John Steinbeck: *The Pearl* (Novel)
Or: Lawrence Darmani: *Grief Child* (Novel)

Section B:

Sylvester Onzivua: *The Heart Soothers* (Play)
Okiya Omatatah Okoiti: *Voice of the People* (Play)
Victor Byabamazima: *Shadows of Time* (Novel)
Chinua Achebe: *Things Fall Apart* (Novel)
Daniel Mengara: *Mema* (Novel)

Poetry Section:

David Rubadiri:

Growing up with Poetry

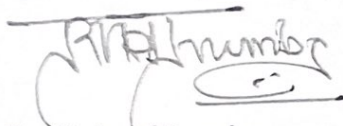
A.D. Amateshe:

An Anthology of East African Poetry

This circular serves to give further guidance as follows:

1. The above set books shall be maintained up to 2025.
2. By the end of the cycle, learners are expected to have studied three texts in all: **one (1) play, one (1) novel, one (1) poetry anthology**- in addition to the general literature knowledge.
3. Only **one (1) text** should be studied in each section. If a play is selected from section A, then a novel MUST be selected from section B. However, if a novel is selected from section A, then a play MUST be selected from section B.
4. Learners should study a variety of poems from one of the prescribed poetry set books.

Yours Sincerely,



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