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To: All Headteachers

Government and Private Secondary Schools,

RE: O-LEVEL LITERATURE IN ENGLISH SET BOOKS (2025-2027)

The Ministry of Education and Sports, through NCDC, has revised the Ordinary Level Literature in English Set Books to address the teaching/learning needs.

According to the Circular on Set Books for Literature in English, which was issued in 2020, the current list will expire this year; with the Senior Four learners of 2025.

This letter therefore serves to officially inform you that the current **Senior Three** learners are to study a new set of books.

The new list of the Set Books are as follows:

Section A: Novels

Meja Mwangi: *Carcass for Hounds.*
Clive Lewis: *Rebel Without a Gun.*
Ngugi W'a Thiongo: *Weep Not Child.*

Section B: Plays

Francis Imbuga: *Betrayal in the City.*
Francis Imbuga: *Aminata.*
Yusuf Serunkuuma: *Meat Festivals.*
Nikolai Gogol: *The Government Inspector.*
Sylvester Onzivua: *The Heart Soothers.*

Section C: Poetry

D. Woolger and K. Ogungbesan: *Rhymes and Rhythms.*

Richard Mwebesa: *Thistle of the Nile.*

Oxford University Press: *Counterpoint and Other Poems.*

The circular further guides as follows:

- By the end of the cycle, a learner is expected to have studied three books in all: **one (1) play, one (1) novel, one (1) poetry anthology**- in addition to the general literature knowledge.
- To enhance the teaching and learning process, teachers should expose learners to a diverse range of literary texts beyond the prescribed set books.

Yours sincerely,



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