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**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**COURSE CODE: ENG820**

**COURSE TITLE: Linguistics and the Study of Literature**

**COURSE UNIT: 3 Credit Units**

**Time allowed: Three (3) Hours**

**Instruction: Answer any four questions.**

1. Analyse the nursery rhyme below drawing out specific stylistic features (17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)

*Baa Baa Black Sheep,  
Have you any wool?  
Yes, sir, yes, sir,  
Three bags full;  
One for the master,  
One for the dame,  
And one for the little boy  
Who lives down the lane.*

2. Repetition is both a literary and linguistic device. Use the nursery rhyme in question 1, to explain the repetitive types in stylistics (17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
3. Using any text of your choice, explain the efficacy of tropes in literary stylistics (17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
4. Carry out a critique of contemporary literary works using specific literary writers and their works. (17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
5. Differentiate between Foregrounding and Cohesion (17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)
6. Discuss how linguistic apparatuses can be used to carry out a stylistic analysis of the new national anthem. (17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)