The West African Examinations Council

LIST OF PRESCRIBED TEXTS FOR THE WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION (WASSCE)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (CORE)

(SCHOOL AND PRIVATE, 2022-2027)

1. PROSE

One (1) of the following texts shall be studied:

(i) Robert Louis Stevenson: Treasure Island

(ii) MamleWolo: The Kaya Girl

2. DRAMA

One (1) of the following texts shall be studied:

(i) Henrik Ibsen: An Enemy of the People

(ii) Bill Marshall: The Son of Umbele

3. POETRY

One (1) of the following sets of poems should be selected for detailed study:

(a) NON-AFRICAN POETRY

(i) Wilfred Owen: Anthem for Doomed Youth

(ii) Walt Whitman: I sit and Look Out

(iii) John Donne: Batter my Heart Three-Person'd God

(iv) D.H. Lawrence: Piano

(v) Claude Mckay: If We Must Die

(b) AFRICAN POETRY

(i) Oswald Mtshali: Nightfall in Soweto

(ii) Kofi Awoonor: The Weaverbird

(iii) J.P. Clark — Night Rain

(iv) David Rubadiri: — An African Thunderstorm

(v) Gabriel Okara — Once Upon a Time

RECOMMENDED ANTHOLOGIES CONTAINING THE ABOVE SET POEMS

1. K.E. Senanu and T. Vincent (eds): A selection of African Poetry (Longman) 1996
2. Woelli Dekutse and John Sackey: An Anthology of contemporary Ghanaian Poems
3. Wole Soyinka (ed): Poems of Black Africa (HEBM) 1975
4. Ruth Miller & Robert A. Greenberg (eds): Poetry: An Introduction (Macmillan) 1985
5. Arthur W. Biddle & Tony Fulwiler Angles of Vision (McGraw Hill, NY, 1992
6. Any other anthology containing any of the set poems.