

**MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION 2023**  
**First Year Second Semester**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**Science Fiction**

Time: Two Hours

Full Marks: 30

Answer any three questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the problematics of the concept of ownership with reference to *either The Last Wave or The Dispossessed*.
2. Consider *either* Octavia Butler's Earthseed books *or The Water Knife* as grim speculations on the future of the US under climate change and civilisational breakdown.
3. Assess the character of Seema in *The Last Wave*. Is she convincing as a professional scientist? Justify your answer.
4. Discuss the theme of revenge with reference to either *The Devourers* or *The Three Body Problem*.
5. Compare the philosophies of Olamina (Octavia Butler) and Odo (Ursula le Guin).
6. Analyse any one of the books you have read with respect to gender, sexuality and sexual politics.
7. Is 'Afropantheology' a useful critical concept? Discuss with respect to *any two* of the stories in the collection.