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Editorial

IBBUL ACADEMIC is multidisciplinary in scope attracting articles from arts, education, management and social sciences. This maiden edition covers articles from religions and culture, education, archaeology, English, economics and a book review.

Out of the seven articles on various aspects of African Literatur in Englishe, two are on Remi Raji and Tanure Ojaide's poetry respectively while Efua Sutherland's *Marriage of Anansewa* and Nandine Goldimer's *Something for the Time Being*, Ben Okri's *Dangerous Love* are the focus of the next set of three articles in the Journal. The treatment of paradigm of a new social order of mutual co-existence in the novels of Ngugi wa Thiong'o is the focus of the last article on literary issues in this volume while Une Étude Mytho-Critique De La Pièce Shango D'Ola Balogun is the only article on African Literature in French.

There is an article on Nigerian history whereby the mode and medium of exchange in pre-colonial Esanland, Edo State, Nigeria up to 1900 is discussed. The writer concludes that from his research, there was evidence of a developed market economy during the period under review.

Another article considers the role of counselling in promoting employees' motivation and enhanced productivity so as to sustain peace, security and national development. Yet another paper in this volume considers the role of the media toward the digitisation of elections in Nigeria. Some contributors have considered the state of cataloguing in university libraries in Benue State of Nigeria and found that all the university libraries in Benue State use the card catalogue. The catalogues were ill-maintained as many books found on the shelves had no cards in the catalogues while additions to the stock as well as withdrawals were not reflected in the catalogue in one of the libraries while cards were also not filed in strict alphabetic sequence. Some useful suggestions were made among which were the establishment of a Catalogue Maintenance Unit in all the universities libraries for proper maintenance of the catalogues to enable users have easy access to the collection. Finally, there is a contribution on the need to regularly carry out physical exercises as a way of managing depression and mental health problem among female students in tertiary institution in Niger State of Nigeria.

In fact, all the articles in this edition make interesting reading both for the specialists in the various fields covered as well as policy makers and implementers, especially those in the education sector.

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