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## ELEMENTS OF SUPERSTITION IN CT MSIMANG'S ISIZULU NOVEL, *AKUYIWE EMHLAHLWENI*

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### ABSTRACT

The investigation of superstitions and superstitious behaviour has not received attention in isiZulu literature. Superstition in isiZulu literature needs serious attention because some isiZulu school networks for school learners present superstition as something dependable. That approach could impede the growing minds of learners from developing critical and rational thinking, consequently, they could fail to solve real-life problems. The behaviouristic theory that underpins this study and fits well with it as it acknowledges that human behaviour, either good or bad is determined by the consequences of previous actions. This research focuses on document analysis that includes the analysis of theoretical treatises and library material, such as books, journals, articles from websites as well as published and unpublished research. Results showed that superstitious beliefs result in witchcraft and the death of innocent individuals.

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