



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)
University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION LITERATURE

ALT 101: INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY GENRES

Date: SCHOOL BASED

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two

1. a) Differentiate between the following genres of the novel
 - i) Family saga (5 marks)
 - ii) Action (5 marks)
 - iii) Comedy (5 marks)
- b) Describe the main features of the following genres of poetry
 - i) Haiku (5 marks)
 - ii) Limerick (5 marks)
 - iii) Sonnet (5 marks)
2. Use a text you have studied in class to explain the main features of a tragedy. (20 marks)
3. Explain with illustrations the main characteristics of an Epistolary novel. (20 marks)
4. Compare and contrast the structural difference that marks the uniqueness of the following genres of literature
 - i) Drama (10 marks)
 - ii) Short story (10 marks)
5. Explain the main features of drama according to Aristotle as explained in The Poetics. (20 marks)