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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA EDUCATION (ARTS)

ALT 0102: LITERATURE AND SOCIETY

Date: 4/8/2016

Time: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One And Any Two Others.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain your understanding of the term Literature. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the role society plays in informing creation of literary works. (10 marks)
- c) Literature and society are inseparable. *Discuss* (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Discuss at least FIVE factors one should consider while reading a text (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Discuss the major functions literature play in society (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Characters in a literary text do not exist in a vacuum. Discuss. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Linguistic practices of a given language influence how authors from a particular community write. Examine the validity of this statement drawing illustrations from Ngugi wa Thiong'o's works. (20 marks)