



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)
ALT 0201: READING AND INTERPRETING LITERATURE

DATE: 27/10/2020

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following reading strategies (6 marks)
- i) Previewing
 - ii) Visualization
 - iii) Inference
- b) Explain the difference between: (6 marks)
- i) Connotation and denotation.
 - ii) Skimming and spread reading
 - iii) Annotation and summarizing
- c) Using relevant examples evaluate FIVE steps you must follow in critical reading. (18 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

With the use of illustrations from any TWO texts discussed in this course, describe the following levels of language description and their relationships in reading and interpreting any literary text:

- a) Grammatical level
- b) Phonological level
- c) Semantic level
- d) Lexical level

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss FOUR basic ideas of language as raw material for literature drawing your illustrations from any texts discussed in this course.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain how you would identify the following when reading any works of literature. Give specific illustrations from any THREE texts covered in this course:

- a) Themes
- b) Circumstances
- c) Subjects

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

You have been hired to teach Literature in a Secondary School soon after your graduation. Explain FOUR factors that you will consider to ensure effective reading and interpretation of Literature among your students.