



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)  
University Examinations for 2013/2014

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ALT 101: INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY GENRES

**Date: 29/7/2014**

**Time: 8:30 – 10:30 am**

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1. (a) Asses the relevance of *The Poetics* by Aristotle in the study of Literature today. (20 marks)
- (b) Define the following terms
  - (i) Limerick
  - (ii) Tragedy
  - (iii) Denouement
  - (iv) Sonnet
  - (v) Plot (10 marks)
2. Discuss in details the major features of any two types of novels studied in the course. (20 marks)
3. Using relevant examples discuss at least five categories into which poetry can be classified. (20 marks)
4. Examine the distinctive features that inform the law of genre. (20 marks)
5. Explain what you understand by the following terms and explain their importance in the study of drama.
  - (i) Imitation
  - (ii) Impersonation
  - (iii) Re-presentation
  - (iv) Re-enactment (20 marks)