



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION
ALT 0201: READING & INTERPRETING LITERATURE

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question one and any other two questions

Each text should apply to only ONE question.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Using ample illustrations, distinguish between Critical Reading and Spread Reading in literature. (10 marks)
- b) Explain how the following concepts apply in the reading and interpretation of literature.
- i. Skimming
 - ii. Scanning
 - iii. Inference
 - iv. Paraphrasing
 - v. Annotation (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

“Without language there can never be literature” Discuss the rationality of this statement with reference to TWO texts discussed in this course.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

With close reference to TWO texts discussed in this course, explain the following literary devices showing their significance in a literature text:

- a) Flashbacks
- b) Foreshadowing
- c) Humor
- d) Symbolism
- e) Irony

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Drawing specific illustrations from any THREE texts covered in this course, explain the following:

- a) Nature and functions of literature
- b) Varieties of language in literature

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the following levels of language descriptions showing their relationships:

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