



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2022/2023

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT305: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN NOVEL

DATE:13/12/2022

TIME:2:00 -4:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and other TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (30MARKS)

- a) With adequate illustrations, explain the defining characteristics of the African American novel. (15 marks)
- b) Examine how Toni Morrison explores the consequences of racial discrimination in *The Bluest Eye*. (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

Using either *The Narrative of Fredrick Douglass* or *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano* as narrated by the writers discuss the centrality of autobiographical writing to the African American novel.

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

Discuss the historical and artistic components that characterise the Harlem renaissance as a landmark in African American writings.

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

Using ample illustrations, examine the interplay between racial discrimination and violence as meted out in African American literature.

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

Both Dubois and Baldwin are concerned with issues of identity and identification in their writings. Discuss this statement by providing illustrations from their works.