



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 401: AFRICAN LITERATURE

DATE: 23/8/2022

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

NB: Do NOT use the same text for different questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Out of the texts you read in this unit, who was your favourite character and why? (10 marks)
- b) Colonialism has defined African literature during and beyond colonial empires. Using *We Need New Names* to illustrate your answer, discuss this statement. (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Using examples of poets from both the Negritude and the Black Consciousness movements, illustrate how 'militarism' is a central theme across the movements.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Migrant writing in African literature reveals the shattered dreams, hopelessness and broken promises. In reference to any TWO novels studied in this unit, examine how the writers handle these issues in their texts.

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QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using any TWO texts in African literature, evaluate how character and characterisation has been used to advance the aesthetics and meanings of the texts.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Both Chimamanda Adichie and Zukiwa Wanner have focussed on creating stories which have strong female characters. Using examples from their texts to illustrate your answer, discuss the validity of this statement.