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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

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

ALT402: DRAMA

Date:

Time:

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## INSTRUCTIONS

*This paper consists of **FIVE** questions*

*Answer question **ONE** and other **TWO** questions in this paper*

Section A: (Compulsory)

1. a) Which historical period of drama did you find most interesting and why?  
(10marks)
- b) Using any Shakespearean play, evaluate the characteristics of the ideal tragedy as espoused by Aristotle.  
(20 marks)

Section B

2. Oedipus in *King Oedipus* by Sophocles is a man whose die has been cast no matter what he decides to do. Do you agree? Provide illustrations from the text to make your argument.  
(20marks)
3. Examine the characteristics of realism in drama as brought out in Ibsen's play *An Enemy of the People*.  
(20marks)
4. Discuss the symbolic significance of African drama as depicted by a contemporary African playwright of your choice.  
(20marks)
5. With reference to any play studied in this course, examine the way the playwright advocates for women emancipation and empowerment.  
(20marks)