



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

ALT 0101: NATURE AND FUNCTIONS OF LITERATURE

DATE: 2/12/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **THREE** elements of literature (10 marks)
- b) Explain **FIVE** functions of literature (10 marks)
- c) Discuss the following types of drama (10 marks)
 - i. Tragedy
 - ii. Comedy

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Basing your answer on any novel you have studied in this course show the characteristics that make the novel interesting.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the narrator point of view using Mariama Ba's *So Long A letter* and how the narrator point of view contributes towards the development of meaning in the story.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Explain with relevant illustrations **FOUR** major differences between prose and poetry and what makes their form unique in their own way.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the issues addressed in Francis Imbuga's *Return of Mgofu* and their relevance to modern society.



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ALT 0103: LANGUAGE USE IN LITERATURE

DATE: 10/12/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss **FIVE** functions of language. (15 marks)
- b) Discuss **FIVE** characteristics of language. (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss **FOUR** similarities and differences in the characteristics of human language as compared to forms of animal communication.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss language as a symbolic system with reference to any text you have studied.(10 marks)
- b) Discuss language as a literary medium with illustrations from any text you have studied.
(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the difference between literary language and ordinary Language with illustrations from a text of your choice.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss language structure as a grammatical system at the level of sound, lexis, semantics and syntax using any primary text studied in this course.



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ALT 0104: INTRODUCTION TO ORAL LITERATURE

DATE: 29/11/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the similarities and differences between oral and written literature (10 marks)
- b) Explain **FIVE** advantages one has over the other in present Kenya. Discuss using relevant illustrations (20 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Name **THREE** forms of oral literature and discuss their importance basing on **ONE** Kenyan community. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss several ways in which oral literature reaches its audience in society today. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the importance of a 'good memory' and 'an ability to perform excitingly' as qualities of a good oral artist.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Using **TWO** examples of proverbs from your own community, discuss the importance of imagery for the expressiveness of a proverb. (8 marks)
- b) Giving illustrations explain **FOUR** methods of collecting data IN Oral Literature (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss **THREE** theoretical approaches to the study of oral literature.