



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2016/2017

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN  
EDUCATION

ALT 0102: LITERATURE AND SOCIETY

DATE: 31/5/2017

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

*Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two.*

1.     a)     Discuss FOUR characteristics of literature that distinguish it from other disciplines. (10 marks)
- b)     Explain FIVE roles of literature and give examples of each (10 marks)
- c)     Discuss the influence of literature to society using any one theory discussed in this course. (10 marks)
2.     a)     Summarize the tenets of Marxism (10 marks)
- b)     Use any text to explain these tenets (10 marks)
3.     According to Feminism, gender roles have been used to deny women leadership and decision making positions. Using any one text, explain this statement. (20 marks)
4.     Differentiate the Formalist theory from Feminism theory and their influence to society. (20 marks)
5.     Use any two texts to explain the Plato and Aristotle school of thought. (20 marks)