



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

ALT 0202: ELEMENTS OF DRAMA

DATE: 15/4/2019

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

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## INSTRUCTIONS

This paper consists of FIVE questions

Answer question one (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions from the options given.

NB: Do not use the same texts for different questions.

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

1.     a)     Using appropriate examples from texts discussed in this course, describe the elements of drama (10 marks)  
       b)     Drawing illustrations from any TWO texts covered in this course, discuss the tragic flaws that lead to the tragic end of the heroes in the chosen plays. (20 marks)
2.     Using any TWO plays of your choice demonstrate the effectiveness of symbolism as a literary device used in communicating the playwright's message. (20 marks)
3.     Examine FOUR themes handled by Shakespeare in either *The Merchant of Venice* OR *Romeo and Juliet* (20 marks)
4.     “Racism has devastating effects” using illustrations from Athol Fugard's *The Blood Knot*, justify the validity of this statement. (20 marks)
5.     A number of writers use humor in their plays to expose the extent to which people may use unorthodox means to achieve their end. Using examples from any TWO plays discussed in this course. (20 marks)