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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

ALT 0204: EAST AFRICAN DRAMA AND POETRY

Date: 9/8/2016

Time: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE

- a) Discuss the major themes in Francis Imbuga's play *The Successor*. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss how the Colonial era influenced the development of East African Drama. (10 marks)
- c) Explain the major themes in the play *Kinjeketile*. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

The East African literary author writes from the realities that define their every day experiences. Discuss (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Make a critical analysis of themes in Okot P'Bitek's *Song of Lawino*. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Citing suitable examples of popular songs from East Africa examine the proposition that popular songs in East Africa are poetic discourses. (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Explain some of the major features that define East African Poetry today. (20 marks)