



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2018/2019

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DECEMBER SESSION EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ALT 202: A SURVEY OF AFRICAN LITERATURE

DATE: 26/4/2019

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. a) Discuss Chinua Achebe's ideas on the significance of the African story in "The Empire Fights Back" in his *Home and Exile*. (10 marks)
- b) Using at least 4 of Agostinho Neto's poems that appear in *When Bullets Begin to Flower*, an anthology edited by Margaret Dickinson, discuss how Neto engages with the histories of Angola. (20 marks)
2. Using Mariama Ba's *So Long a Letter* and Chimamanda Adiche's *A Half of a Yellow Sun*, demonstrate the unique challenges that African women writers engage with. (20 marks)
3. Using Ferdinand Oyono's *Houseboy*, Ngugi wa Thiong'o's *Weep Not, Child*, and Jose Luandino Viera's *The Real Life of Domingo's Xavier*, discuss colonialism as imagined by African male authors. (20 marks)
4. Discuss how John Ruganda's drama explores the challenges of post-independent African states. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the African short story demonstrating its stylistic uniqueness in relation to other genres. (20 marks)