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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 402: DRAMA

DATE: 10/5/2019

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Interrogate the reservations of Plato about poetry in an ideal Republic.
- b) Discuss how Aristotle's principle of *catharsis* responds to Plato's concerns about the hallucinating effect of poetry.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) What is symbolism in drama?
- b) How successful is Athol Fugard in employing symbolism in *Blood Knot*?

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

"Tragedy is not about intense human suffering, hopelessness and inescapable death. It is a celebration of human resilience, grandeur and spiritual triumph." Discuss the statement basing your answer on the character of Oedipus, the tragic hero in Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Jealousy is 'the green eyed monster which mocks the meat it feeds on.' *Othello* by William Shakespeare. How is the statement an apt description of the tragic hero?

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss three dramatic techniques used by Arthur Miller in the treatment of the race question in the *Death of a Salesman*.