



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION ARTS

ALT 0201: READING AND INTERPRETING LITERATURE

Date:

Time:

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## INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question one and any other two.

### QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain your understanding of the term Literature. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the role society plays in informing creation of literary works. (10 marks)
- c) Literature and society are inseparable. Discuss (10 marks)

### QUESTION TWO

Discuss at least FIVE things one should consider while reading a text (20 marks)

### QUESTION THREE

Using a text studied in class, discuss the major functions literature plays in society. (20 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR

Characters in a literary text do not exist in a vacuum. Discuss the statement using a literary text of your choice. (20 marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

Linguistic practices of a given language influence how authors from a particular community write. Examine the validity of this statement drawing illustrations from any of Ngugi wa Thiong'o's works. (20 marks)

### **QUESTION SIX**

Explain how Ideology in society influences authorial critical stand points of writers in society. Use any text to illustrate. (20 marks)