



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

ALT 100: CRITICAL READING AND RESPONSE

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Define critical thinking. (5 marks)
- b) Define a thesis statement. (5 marks)
- c) Provide a critical reading of David Mailu's *After 4.30*. (20 marks)
2. Discuss various logical fallacies as you demonstrate their effects on arguments. (20 marks)
3. In his essay "The Blind Men and the Elephant," Bernth Lindfors argues that every critic has blind spots. Critically respond to the analogy he uses as well as his argument(s). (20 marks)
4. Provide a critical response to Obiajunwa Wali's essay "The Dead End of African Literature" which he wrote in response to the 1962 Makerere Conference of African writers of English expression. (20 marks)
5. Provide a critical response to Ngugi wa Thiong'o's *Weep Not, Child*. (20 marks)