



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

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ALT100: CRITICAL READING AND RESPONSE

DATE: 29/11/2019

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain how the following terms are used in Literature
- i. Textualization
 - ii. Narrative style
 - iii. Literary criticism
 - iv. Irony
- b) “A good student of Literature is invariably a ‘Critical thinker’”. Test the truth value of the above statement.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss the importance of the following in critical reading and response:

- a) Context
- b) Ideology

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Examine how Marxist literary criticism facilitates interpretation of texts.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Compare and contrast formalism and reader-response theory.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

“Feminist literary theory is about re-visioning women in society”. Discuss.