



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION - DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION ARTS

ALT 0103: NATURE AND FUNCTIONS OF LITERATURE

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any OTHER TWO

1 (a) Explain FOUR functions of literature (10 marks)

(b) Discuss the following elements of literature. Give examples from any texts studied in this course. i) rhythm and rhyme

ii) figures of speech

(iii) sound patterns

(iv) dramatic irony

(v) Tragedy and comedy

(20 marks)

2a. Using any ONE text you are familiar with, discuss the constituent parts of a novel.

(8 marks)

b.. Draw a distinction between the following types of characters by getting evidence from TWO texts you have studied in this course:

i. round and flat characters

ii. dynamic and shadow characters

iii. antagonist and protagonist

(12 marks)

3. With regard to at least one text, explain how:

a) literary works both reflect and challenge the spirit of the times in which they were written
(10 marks)

(b) the characters are representational of the people from the time and place in which they were written
(10 marks)

4 (a) 'literature is a voice for social commentary'. Explain your understanding of this statement by making reference to any TWO texts discussed in this course (20marks)

5a) "The 'plot' is the backbone of a literary text. Explain this statement in the context of any ONE text discussed in this course (20 marks).