



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2019/2020

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

ALT200: EAST AFRICAN PROSE

(SCHOOL BASED)

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS

This paper consists of FIVE questions

Answer question ONE and other TWO questions in this paper

Section A: (Compulsory)

1. a) Briefly examine how oral literature has contributed to the growth of prose in East Africa. (10 marks)
- b) Using Ngugi's *The River Between*, examine the symbolic significance of the ridges in the context of Kenyan literature and that of East African at large. (20 marks)

Section B: (All answers in this section should at least be 2pages long)

2. Using examples from Mtobwa's *Dare salaam by Night*, examine the treatment of moral decay as an urban problem. (20 marks)
3. With reference to Macgoye's *Coming to Birth*, evaluate the social transformation of the main characters and how this aligns with the socio-political and economic growth of the country. (20 marks)
4. Discuss the socio-cultural conflict explored in *White Teeth* and how it impacts on the major characters. (20 marks)
5. Using at least TWO short stories studied in this course, evaluate the features of the short story genre. (20 marks)