



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

**ALT 0203: AFRICAN LITERATURE: POETRY AND DRAMA FROM EAST, WEST AND
SOUTH AFRICA**

DATE: 18/8/2021

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question one and any

QUESTION ONE 30 MARKS (COMPULSORY)

- a) Explain the following concepts in literature. (20 marks)
- i. Fiction and non-fiction
 - ii. Oral forms and written forms
 - iii. Plot and sub-plot
 - iv. Figurative language
- b) Citing specific examples, describe any TWO genres of Literature (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Distinguish between the following drawing illustrations from specific texts studied in this course.

- a) Comedy and tragedy
- b) Protagonist and antagonist
- c) Blank verse and Lyric poetry

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Poetry as a form of literary expression possesses unique characteristics based on;

- a) Imagination
- b) Creativity
- c) Suggestiveness to mirror various experiences in society. Discuss.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using **any three** texts discuss **FOUR features or characteristics of Literature**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) With close reference to **TWO** texts covered in this course discuss differences between Short Stories and Novels
- b) Describe **TWO** types of short stories.