



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2021/2022 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 300: STYLISTICS AND LITERARY TECHNIQUES

DATE: 30/8/2022

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Using examples from Wole Soyinka's *Death and the King's Horseman*, explain any four differences between Practical Criticism and Stylistic Criticism. (12 marks)
- b) With ample illustrations from Chinua Achebe's *Arrow of God*, elucidate the centrality of the stylistic toolkit in stylistic interpretations. (18 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Drawing your examples from Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, discuss aspects of conformity in stylistic analysis.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss deviation in literature using Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things*.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Using appropriate examples from Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes were Watching God*, analyse the intersection between form and content in stylistics analysis.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Present a formalist stylistic reading of John Ruganda's *The Floods*.