



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION AND BACHELOR ARTS WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

(CITY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)

ALI 101: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE

Date: 26th November, 2013

Time: 2.00 - 4.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer **THREE** questions in total. Question One is compulsory.
- Desist from writing any rough work on the question paper.
- Avoid duplication of material in answer to more than one question.
- Familiarize yourself with the instructions given on your examination booklet.
- A lot of importance is attached to clarity of expression.
- Credit will be given to students who use examples other than those used in class.

QUESTION 1: COMPULSORY

With reference to specific examples from literary works, discuss the functions of literature in society. (30 marks)

2. Discuss the how Ken Kamoche uses characters to realize themes in his short story, *Lion's Tears*. (20 marks)
3. Examine the similarities and differences between the points of view used in Tindyebwa's *Hard Truth* and Aidoo's *The Girl Who Can*. (20 marks)
4. Show how the protagonist in Elechi Amadi's *The Concubine* is a victim of fate. (20 marks)
5. Discuss the use of dramatic irony in **EITHER** Nikolai Gogol's *The Government Inspector* **OR** Sophocles' *King Oedipus*. (20 marks)
6. Critically analyze Shakespeare's *Sonnet 154* below. (20 marks)

SONNET CLIV (154)

Once, while sleeping, little Cupid put down his love-inducing torch while many of Diana's nymphs, who had all made lifelong vows of chastity, came tripping by. But the most beautiful of Diana's nymphs picked up that fire that had warmed the hearts of legions of faithful lovers. In this fashion, the commander of hot desire was disarmed by the hand of a virgin as he was sleeping. She quenched this torch in a cool spring nearby, and the spring took a perpetual heat from love's fire. It turned into a hot bath and healthy remedy for diseased men. But when I, enslaved by my mistress, went to the bath to be cured, this is what I learned: Love's fire heats water, but water doesn't cool love.