



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) WITH  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(HOMA BAY CAMPUS)**

**ALI 301: CLASSICAL THEORIES OF LITERATURE**

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

Time: 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- Avoid duplication of material in answer to more than one question.
- Candidates are advised to desist from writing any rough work on the question paper.
- Kindly SWITCH OFF your MOBILE PHONES.



**1. COMPULSORY**

Using specific illustrations drawn from literature, discuss the place of classical theories of literature to modern literary theories. ( 30 mks).

2. Compare the contributions of Plato and Aristotle to literature. Illustrate your response using specific examples drawn from across the genres. ( 20 mks)

3. Drawing your illustrations from any ONE East African text, illustrate how Longinuse's theory on the sublime relates to literature. ( 20 mks)

4. According to Horace, what should be the place of the literary artist in society? Appropriately illustrate your response using specific texts. (20mks)

5. Using at least one classical literary viewpoint, assess the place and role of female writers and women characters in society. ( 20 mks)

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