



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN LITERATURE
(MAIN CAMPUS)**

ALI 811: GENDER AND LITERARY STUDIES

Date: 8th April, 2014

Time: 9.00 – 12noon

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer THREE questions in total.
- Avoid duplication of material in answer to more than one question.
- Desist from doing any rough work on the question paper.



1. From experience drawn in this course, discuss the value of gender studies in literary scholarship (20 MARKS).
2. With examples from African American literature, examine the ways in which women have gone "in search of their mothers' gardens" in so far as womanist prose is concerned. (20 MARKS).
3. Drawing from third world literature, how have writers engaged with the issue of gender and power relations? (20 MARKS).
4. Taking current debates on masculinity studies as your point of departure, to what extent does a focus on men and masculinities distract attention from gender issues? (20 MARKS).
5. With reference to Binyavanga Wainaina's "One day I will write about this place", attempt an analysis of gender, identity and sexuality. (20 MARKS).