MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

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

(CITY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)

ALI 201: LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE USE

Date: 26th August 2014   **Time:** 11.00 – 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- Avoid unnecessary duplication of material in answer to more than one question.
- Importance is attached to correct and clear grammatical expression.
- SWITCH OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONES while in the examination room.

QUESTION 1: COMPULSORY

Using specific examples from at least **three** different genres of literature, account for at least three areas where literary and linguistic studies meet.   (30 marks)

2. Discuss how Elechi Amadi uses the English language to give his novel *The Concubine* an African flavour.   (20 marks)
3. Analyze Francis Imbuga's use of deviations in depicting Mulili in *Betrayal in the City*.   (20 marks)
4. With reference to at least **two** examples of each genre, compare and contrast language use in oral poetry and language use in written poetry.   (20 marks)
5. Read the attached poems below and critically analyze each.   (20 marks)

(a)

"Raindrop"

A
drop
of rain is
like a sudden
knock at the door.
Unexpected, yet often
welcomed with a smile. It
can brighten your day or ruin
your plans. It can make you laugh
or make you sad. Whether the raindrop
is moving fast or slow, or is big or small,
it always gets everyone's attention. A rain-
drop contains many secrets. It is a bubble of
anticipation and surprise. It cleanses the earth,
it feeds the flowers, and fills the holes. The
raindrop is never silent. It bangs on the
roof, spatters on the window, or
splashes into a puddle.
A raindrop.

(b)

H-E-A-R-T of L-O-V-E

Oh how I love you.
Cherishing each moment,
for you have opened
my heart with your
everlasting and precious
love. Yet so tender;
You place God
first in your life. And
I love you more for that.
Hold on to the other
half of my heart,
for one day we
Shall put them
Together
As one
With
God.

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denepo evah uoy rof
ruoy htiw traeh ym
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,traeh ym fo flah
ew yad eno rof
meht tup llahS
rehtegoT
eno sA
htiW
doG.