



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2014/2015 ACADEMIC YEAR

**1ST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**COURSE CODE/ TITLE: ALT 100: CRITICAL READING AND
RESPONSE**

END OF SEMESTER I

DURATION: 3 HRS

DAY/TIME: TUESDAY 3.00PM – 6.00PM

DATE: 16/12/2014- PL6

INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Answer Question One and any other Two
- b) Material used in one answer should not be used to answer a different question

Question One

Give a critical analysis of the poem below

Henry King

The Chief Defect of Henry King
Was chewing little bits of String.
At last he swallowed some which tied
Itself in ugly knots inside.

Physicians of the Utmost Fame
Were called at once; but r when they fame
They answered as they took their Fees,
“There is no Cure for this Disease.

“Henry will very soon be dead”.
His Parents stood about his Bed
Lamenting his Untimely Death,
When Henry, with his Latest Breath,

Cried, "Oh, my Friends, be warned by me,
That Breakfast, Dinner, Lunch, and Tea
Are all the Human Frame requires..."
With that, the Wretched Child expires.

Question Two

With examples discuss the purpose of critical reading and response to a student of literature. **(20marks)**

Question Three

Discuss the features of styles which Chinua Achebe employs to make *Things Fall Apart* appealing. **(20marks)**

Question Four

Either:

- a) Discuss the theme of mistaken identity in *The Government Inspector* by Nikolai Gogol. **(20marks)**
- b) Examine the character-role of Shylock in *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare. **(20marks)**

Question Five

Discuss the various ways in which the female character is oppressed in *So Long a Letter* by Mariama Ba. **(20marks)**