



A Constituent College of Kenyatta University

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2010/2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

1ST YEAR 1ST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF

STREAM: BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS) BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 101: INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY GENRES

END SEMESTER

TIME:

DAY/TIME: TUESDAY 2.00PM – 5.00PM

DATE: 23.11.10

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer questions **ONE and** any other **TWO** questions.

Materials used in one answer should **NOT** be used to answer a different question

Marks indicated in brackets ()

Q.1

- a) Discuss the nature of literature **(10mks)**
- b) Discuss five functions of literature **(20mks)**

Q.2

With reference to the poem “Song of the banana man” (attached to this exam), identify and describe four phonic items employed by the poet, and explain why he has used them.

(20mks)

Q.3

With reference to ‘Ajaiyi and the witchdoctor’ OR “Tekayo”, discuss five distinctive characteristics of the short story.

(20mks)

Q.4

Discuss the character and role of “Aminata” in Francis Imbuga’s play. **(20mks)**

Q.5

With reference to the essay “Nelson Mandela Icon and Inspiration” (attached to this exam) discuss the author’s view of Mandela as an inspirational figure. **(20mks)**