



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: LIT 111

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY STUDIES

DATE: 14TH DECEMBER, 2022

TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Give any two definitions of literature (4 marks)
b) Identify and discuss the characteristics of the following genres of drama: (8 marks)
i. Tragedies ii. Comedies iii. Farce iv. Tragi comedies
c) Briefly explain any four ways in which novels can be classified. (8 marks)
d) Discuss the role that literature plays in society using illustrations from literary texts you have covered in this course. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

EITHER

Discuss the dramatic styles used in the play *The burdens* by John Ruganda.

OR

Explain the plight that women face in society using *The Hunter is Back* by Dennis Kyalo.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Describe the characteristics of prose fiction. Use one short story you have covered in this course.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Critically examine any five themes used in the novel *Things fall A part* by Chinua Achebe.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Read the following poem and then answer the questions after it:

I LOVE YOU MY GENTLE ONE

(From *Poems from East Africa* edited by A. Amateshe)

I love you my gentle one,
My love is the fresh milk from the rubindi
Which you drank on the wedding day;
My love is the butter we were smeared with
To seal fidelity into our hearts.

You are the cattle's bird's egg,
For those who saw you are wealthy;
You are the papyrus reed of the lake,
Which they pull out with both hands
And I sing for you with tears
Because you possess my heart:
I love you my gentle one.

By Ralph Bitamazire

QUESTIONS

- a) What is the Poem's subject matter? (4 marks)
b) Discuss any three stylistic devices and their effectiveness. (6 marks)
c) Explain the mood of the poem? (4 marks)
d) Comment on the tone of the poem. (2 marks)
e) Discuss the relevance of the poem to contemporary society. (4 marks)