



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN COMPARATIVE
LITERATURE

COURSE CODE: LIT 815

COURSE TITLE: TRAGEDY IN DRAMA

DATE: 20TH DECEMBER, 2022

TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer question ANY THREE Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Examine with adequate illustrations the extent to which African playwrights have helped establish an aesthetic for an African tragic vision. Use Ola Rotim's play *The Gods Are Not To Blame* or any other play you have covered in this course for your illustration.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the significance of the early tragedians, Aeschylus and Euripides, in the development of the tragic vision.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss with illustrations how Shakespeare's construction of the tragedy altered the original tragic vision.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Exemplify the characteristics of the classical Greek tragedy drawing illustrations from Shakespeare's *Othello* or Sophocles' *King Oedipus*.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

To what extent is Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* a typical modern tragedy?