



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

COURSE CODE: LIT 422

COURSE TITLE: AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE

DATE: 24/11/2022

TIME: 8.00 - 10.00 AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

It can be argued that Present day African American writers are still grappling with the issues that affected pioneer writers. Justify this statement based on what has been studied in this course.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Critically evaluate the contribution of the Harlem Renaissance to the African American literary scene. Base your response on works of any two major writers during this period.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

With close reference to one major text studied in this course, examine the role of the fugitive slave narrative on the African American literary scene.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Langston Hughes argues that black writers should help facilitate "change in America." To what extent does he achieve this with his poetry?

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Critically comment on the effect of Vernacular traditions on African American Literature. Base your response on any two African American writers.