



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

FOR THE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: EDL 108

COURSE TITLE: ENGLISH LITERATURE

DATE: 24TH NOVEMBER, 2022

TIME: 2.00 - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions. Avoid duplication of materials.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE – COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the term English Literature. (2 marks)
- b) Outline any **EIGHT** characteristics of an epic poem as performed during the medieval period. (8 marks)
- c) Tragedies defined English Renaissance period. Give **TEN** features of a tragedy. (10 mks)
- d) Briefly discuss how the growth of Christianity contributed to the development of English Literature. (10 marks)

OR

- a) Describe “Anglo-Saxon” Literature. (5 marks)
- b) What was “renaissance” in English Literature? (10 marks)
- c) How did the renaissance period influence English Literature? (15 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Explicate the two attached poems by *William Wordsworth*.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Analyse the text: **Waiting For Godot** by Samuel Beckett as an absurd drama.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the theme of Fate in the book: **Oedipus the King** by Sophocles.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Using any of Shakespeare drama studied in this course; discuss the elements of Shakespearean tragedy.

QUESTION SIX (20 MARKS)

With close reference to any Shakespeare’s tragedies covered on this course, discuss the characteristics of a tragic hero.

QUESTION SEVEN (20 MARKS)

Using any novel studied in this course, discuss the key thematic concerns by the writers in the Victorian period.

QUESTION EIGHT (20 MARKS)

Discuss the key concerns of the literature of the Restoration and Enlightenment period as presented in George Owens essay: **A Hanging**.