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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

### EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

LITT 101: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE AND LITERARY CRITICISM

STREAMS: BA (GEN), BA(COMM), BA (LINGUISTICS & SOCIOLOGY)

TIME: 2

HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 03/12/2019

2.30 PM – 4.30 PM

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

#### Answer Question One and any other Two

1. Explain what you understand by the terms literature and literary criticism, and discuss five (5) reasons why it is important to study literature. [30 marks]
2. Giving examples from texts studied in this course, analyze four (4) major features that differentiate oral literature from written literature. [20 marks]
3. Relating your answer to Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart, discuss strategies of Verisimilitude available to a prose writer. [20 marks]
4. "Drama is a performing art. It is a copy of life, a mirror of customs, a reflection of truth." Critically discuss this statement with reference to David Mulwa's Redemption. [20 marks]
5. With illustrations from the texts studied in this unit, explain any four (4) of the following literary terms and concepts. [20 marks]
  - (a) Rhyme
  - (b) Alliteration
  - (c) Metaphor
  - (d) Hyperbole
  - (e) Irony
  - (f) Symbolism

(g) Onomatopoeia

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