


KISII UNIVERSITY
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SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS
FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
THE BACHELORS OF ARTS IN LITERATURE, FILM STUDIES AND
THEATRE ARTS
SECOND SEMESTER 2024/2025
(AUGUST, 2025)

LITT 426: MIDDLE EAST LITERATURE

STREAM: Y4 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: MONDAY, 9.00 – 11.00 A M

DATE: 11/08/2025

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Do not write anything on this question paper.

Answer Question Compulsory One and Any Other TWO Questions

Q1 a) Briefly explain what Middle Eastern Literature refers to. (10 mks)

b) state any five factors that have influenced Middle Eastern Literature (10 mks)

c) Describe any three common themes in Middle Eastern Literature (10 mks)

Q2. Making reference to a story from *the Arabian Nights* describe the hardships endured by the ordinary citizens in the Arab world. (20 mks)

Q3. With illustrations from Michael's *Desert Tracings: Six Classic Arabian Odes*, explain how the theme of lost love is developed. (20 mks)

Q4. making reference to Hedayat's *The Blind Owl*, discuss any three themes that are common in Middle Eastern Literature. (20 mks)