

**KISII UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LINGUISTICS AND LINGUSITICS
LITT 916: COMPARATIVE LITERATURE**

YEAR ONE, SEM TWO, PH.D. LIT.

FINAL EXAMINANION

3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer THREE QUESTIONS ONLY.**
- 2. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY.**
- 3. ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS from the rest of the set.**
- 4. DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THE QUESTION PAPER.**

QUESTION ONE

How does European literature compare with American (USA) literature?
(20mks)

QUESTION TWO

What are the common thematic concerns that characterise literatures from Africa and the Caribbean? **(20mks)**.

QUESTION THREE

19th century Russian literature has had tremendous influence on contemporary literature. Do you agree? **(20mks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Bertolt Brecht and Henrik Ibsen share a lot in common with Francis Imbuga and Wole Soyinka. Using any of these playwrights' works, justify this assertion.
(20mks)

QUESTION FIVE

Aristotle's description of a tragic hero has had enduring influence on world literatures. Using works you have read in this course, discuss four tragic heroes of your own choice. **(20mks)**