

KISII UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LINGUISTICS AND LINGUSITICS
LITT 805: FORMS OF FICTION: NOVEL, DRAMA AND POETRY
YEAR ONE, SEM TWO, MA. 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 a novel differ from a short story? Use details and examples to illustrate your answer. **(20mks)**

QUESTION TWO

What are the common features of verse that can be differentiated from prose? **(20mks).**

QUESTION THREE

Shakespeare is a great writer because of his uncanny ability to combine the what and the how to produce sublime poetry and drama. Using any of Shakespeare's works, or any works of your own choice, substantiate this statement. **(20mks)**

QUESTION FOUR

Comment on the evolution of poetry, drama and prose fiction in Kenya from the precolonial era right down to the present day. **(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)**