



# **GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
MAY - AUGUST 2018 SEMESTER**

**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**COURSE CODE: LITT 100**

**COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE**

**DATE: 7 AUGUST 2018**

**TIME: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- 1) SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
- 2) SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
- 3) **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
- 4) ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

**CAUTION:** *All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.*

## **SECTION A: COMPULSORY**

### **Question One**

- a) Define the following terms:
- i. Drama
  - ii. Prose fiction
  - iii. Poetry
  - iv. Tragedy
  - v. Connotation. **[15 marks]**
- b) Describe the 'nature of literature' citing its modes of presentation. **[5 marks]**
- c) Define the term 'Literature' in more specific terms. **[5 marks]**
- d) Give at least five major functions of Literature in our society. **[10 marks]**
- e) Briefly distinguish Literature from Orature. **[5 marks]**

## **SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**

### **Question Two**

- a) Using proper illustrations, explain the following poetic devices:
- i. Metre in poetry
  - ii. Tone and mood in poetry.
  - iii. Rhyme. **[12 marks]**
- b) Discuss the distinction between a sonnet and an epic. **[8 marks]**

### **Question Three**

- a) Distinguish a novel from a short story, taking into account the following five features: characters, setting, plot, narrative form and time. **[10 marks]**
- b) Citing specific examples, give your understanding of the following types of novels
- i. Historical novel
  - ii. Epic novel
  - iii. Psychological novel **[10 marks]**

### **Question Four**

- a) List and explain at least three forms of non-fictional prose writings. **[6marks]**
- b) What do you understand by the term "literary essay?" give four characteristics of a literary essay? **[14 marks]**

### **Question Five**

- a) Give the differences between:
- i. Comedy and tragicomedy. [4marks]
  - ii. Diction and dialogue [4marks]
  - iii. Costume and make-up [4marks]
  - iv. Music and song [4marks]
- b) Citing relevant examples, give your understanding of the term  
“Non-verbal language” [4 marks]

### **Question six**

- a) Use any literary text to show that it discusses social and moral issues [15 marks]
- b) Explain the difference between dramatic dialogue and dramatic monologue. [5 marks]