



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 403: MODERN EUROPEAN LITERATURE

DATE: Monday, 5th February 2018

TIME: 8.00a.m - 10.00a.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer three questions. Question 1 is compulsory

1. "What are you laughing at? You are laughing at yourselves". Paying reference to Nikolai Gogol's The Government Inspector show how the remarks by the mayor (cited above) have relevance to today's Kenyan society. (30 marks)
2. With illustrations from at least ONE poets, describe how modern European poets have captured major events of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. (20 marks)
3. Justify why you would categorize Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights as a Romantic novel. (20 marks)
4. Discuss characterization in Charles Dickens A Tale of Two Cities. (20 marks)
5. Compare and contrast realists and Romanticism as literary movements. Illustrate from texts studied in this unit. OR. Discuss the major points of Existentialism in Franz Kafka's The Metamorphosis. (20 marks)
6. Give a thematic analysis of Leo Tolstoy's "How Much Land Does a Man Need". (20 marks)