



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS

ALT 400: LITERARY AESTHETICS

DATE: WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2012 TIME: 8.00 A.M. – 10.00 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer question ONE and ANY other Two.

Materials used in one question should not be repeated.

1. a) Define the term aesthetics. (10 marks)
 b) Explain how African traditional aesthetics have been inscribed in modern
 African creative writings. Illustrate your answer. (20 marks)
2. Discuss Aristotle's view on the nature and function of art. Give examples. (20 marks)
3. Basing your answer on Ngugi's *Petals of Blood* or *Grain of Wheat* discuss the
 importance of history in the study of literature. (20 marks)
4. Discuss the concept Feminist aesthetics supporting your answer from the novel
 Nervous Conditions or *So Long a Letter*. (20 marks)
5. "Betrayal is usually associated with vice." Explain the validity of this statement
 drawing examples from Francis Imbuga's *Betrayal in the City*. (20 marks)