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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

ELI 3451: DRAMA AND FILM STUDIES

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Using your own words and providing examples, what is your understanding of the term "Theatrical Performance"? [4 Marks]
- b) Theatre can function without a stage. Identify and explain two types of stages that a theatrical performance can be staged. [5 Marks]
- c) The development of theatrical activities responds to the needs of a community to express their deepest concerns. Basing your arguments on theatrical performances in your community, weigh this statement. [5 Marks]
- d) Unlike TV or Film's audience, the Live Theatre Audience always participates in the performance. Critically examine this statement. [4 Marks]
- e) Greek Philosopher, Aristotle has great influence on theatre. Examine two elements in Drama that he deems essential in its creation. [4 Marks]
- f) Identify and explain 2 technical elements in theatre production and provide relevant examples. [4 Marks]



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g) Modern Theatre borrows heavily from Greek Theatre. Identify and explain theses similarities. [4 Marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) African Films have a variety of Exhibition channels. Identify and explain 5 ways through which the Films are relayed to the public to watch them. [10 Marks]

b) A Film just like a Theatrical Performance has a plot structure, from the beginning to the end. Using a Film of your choice, identify and explain how the different plot stages are interwoven to complete the story. [10 Marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) African Film making has been greatly influenced by Western aspects. Critically weigh this statement. [10 Marks]

b) Describe how Films are similar to and different from other story forms. [10 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Describe the Cinema of Kenya. [10 Marks]

b) " The World is a stage where we are all actors". critically analyse this statement in regard to the theory of "Dramaturgy". [10 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Films perform many roles in the community. Giving critical examples, highlight 5 such. [10 Marks]

b) Describe 5 parameters that you would employ in analysing a theatrical performance citing how each is connected to the overall performance. [10 Marks]

