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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

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

ELI 3351: THEATRE ARTS

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) What is the primary difference between theatre arts and drama (2 Marks)
- b) List and briefly explain **SIX** elements of dramatic structure as identified by Aristotle (6 Marks)
- c) What is the relationship between a play's interpretation and major character spine (4 Marks)
- d) Outline and explain the Five main divisions of a theatre production (5 Marks)
- e) Outline the three types of theatre stages (3 Marks)
- f) Highlight five types of theatre rehearsals that are critical when preparing to stage a play. (5 Marks)
- g) Outline at least five purposes that theatre serves to society (5 Marks)



QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Assess how the playwright uses characters on stage to expose the political situation in post-colonial East Africa as highlighted in any play studied in this unit. (15 Marks)
- b) Outline at least five roles popular theatre, on the Kenyan television, plays. (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the major tasks of

- a) A theatre stage manager (10 Marks)
- b) A props manager (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Drawing your illustrations from any play studied in this unit, examine the role of theatre as an instrument of socio-political transformation. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the relationship between theatre and literary art. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

You are carrying out auditions for roles in stage drama. Explain attributes that you will consider for the role of a Woman County Governor in Kenya. (20 Marks)

