

**AFRICA RENEWAL UNIVERSITY**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY GENRES**

**CODE:** **LIT 1101**

**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**DATE:**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

* Answer any **4** questions.
* **Question 1 is compulsory.**
* Do not write anything on the question paper except your name & registration number.
* Phones are not allowed in the examination room.
* This is a closed book exam, so do not enter with any written material in the exam room.
* Use a good handwriting.
* Make sure your essay has a proper introduction, body, and conclusion. **A good introduction carries 2 marks, and a suitable conclusion carries 1 mark. Each well-explained point, with a relevant example, carries 2 marks.**

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**Questions:**

1. With relevant examples, explain why it is important to study literary genres. **(15 marks)**
2. What makes a short story a short story? Respond with relevant examples using one of the short stories covered this semester. **(15 marks)**
3. Either:
   1. Some say, *“Jane Eyre (by Charlotte Bronte) is one of the greatest novels in the English language.”* Do you agree? Respond with relevant examples. **(15 marks)**

Or:

* 1. Some say, *“The River Between (by Ngugi Wa Thiongo) is ‘an interesting, engaging, concisely written short novel.”* Do you agree? Respond with relevant examples. **(15 marks)**

1. Compose a poem and explain five things that make your piece a good example of poetry as a literary genre. **(15 marks)**
2. Either:
   1. Discuss the function of drama as a literary genre using *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare as your case study. **(15 marks)**

Or

* 1. Discuss the function of drama as a literary genre using *Kongi’s Harvest* by Wole Soyinka as your case study. **(15 marks)**

1. Why do you think *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank has continued to be on the autobiography bestseller list ever since it was first published? (Support your answers with relevant examples and references from the book.) **(15 marks)**

**End**