



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION WITH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(HOMA BAY CAMPUS - SCHOOL BASED)**

ALI 104: PROSE IN EAST AFRICA

Date: 31st August, 2014

Time: 8.00 - 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions.



1. Discuss the major thematic issues that have preoccupied prose writers in East Africa. Use at least one text from each of the three countries **(30 marks)**;
2. Discuss the theme of betrayal in Ngugi wa Thiongo's **A Grain of Wheat** **(20 marks)**;
3. Discuss Okot P'Bitek's **White Teeth** as a satirical treatment of the theme of social change ;
4. In what ways is Yusuf Dawood's **Return to Paradise** a celebration novel? **(20 marks)**;
5. Show how Margaret Ogolla uses coincidence and irony to enhance the woman's story in **The River and the source** **(20 marks)**;
6. Discuss the effectiveness of Barbara Kimenye's characterization in any two of her short stories that you have read **(20 marks)**