



MASENO UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN
LITERATURE**

MAIN CAMPUS

ALI 805: GENDER AND LITERARY STUDIES

Date: 16th March, 2018

Time: 2.00 - 5.00pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and any other TWO.
- Avoid unnecessary duplication of material in answer to more than one question
- Importance is given to correct and clear grammatical expression
- All mobile phones **MUST BE SWITCHED OFF.**



COMPULSORY

- (1) With reference to literary works from three regions or continents, discuss the relevance of this course to your appreciation and understanding of gender studies. (20 marks)
- (2) Using James' *The Portrait of a Lady* and Farooki's *The Way Things Look to Me*, show how issues of masculinity in the works help broaden your understanding of gender studies. (20 marks)
- (3) Evaluate representations of women in Achebe's *Anthills of the Sahara* and Imbuga's *Aminata* explaining how these issues enrich your knowledge of gender studies. (20 marks)
- (4) "Issues of race and class are indigenous to reading gender in African American literature." Discuss this statement with reference to specific African American literary works. (20 marks)
- (5) Show the applicability of gender theory to literary works across the genres. (20 marks)