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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

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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#### 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)



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## 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)

