



GARISSA UNIVERSITY

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2017/2018 ACADEMIC YEAR ONE
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: LIT 121

COURSE TITLE: CLASSICAL LITERARY THEORY

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 09/04/18

TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has SIX (6) questions
- Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY
- Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

Explain why Plato banished the poet from his ideal Republic. **[25 marks]**

QUESTION TWO

Discuss Aristotle's ideas about literature. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION THREE

Identify and discuss any three aspects of Aristotelian tragedy in Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss Horace's idea of aesthetic pragmatism. Give examples to illustrate your response. **[15 marks]**

QUESTION FIVE

Explain dramatic irony in relationship to Sophocles' *Oedipus the King* **[15 marks]**

QUESTION SIX

Critically examine Longinus' concept of the sublime in literature. **[15 marks]**

