

LAIKIPIA



LITT 121

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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS

**LITT 121: READING AND INTERPRETING LITERATURE**

***STREAM: R***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

***DAY: MONDAY (11.30-1.30PM)***

***DATE: 8/4/24***

**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF FOUR (4) PAGES**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer questions **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **ONE** question from each **SECTION**.

**SECTION A**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- (a) What is reading (2mks)
- (b) What do you understand about critical reading and response (5mks)
- (c) Explain SQ3R as applied in literature (5mks)
- (d) Explain five factors you would consider in the interpretation of a literary text (5mks)
- (e) Differentiate between intensive and extensive reading (6mks)
- (f) Outline the seven strategies of critical reading as used in literature (7mks)

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Geoffrey Leech identifies seven types meaning, identify and discuss five of them showing how they enhance reading and interpretation of literary texts (20mks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a. Explain the features of five major categories of diction. (10mks)
- b. Discuss the major steps involved in summarizing as a reading strategy. (10mks)

**SECTION C**

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Discuss four factors that characterize a good interpretation of a literary text (20mks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

Use annotation method to analyze and interpret the following poem (20mks)

**I Speak for the Bush.**

When my friend sees me  
 He swells and pants like a frog  
 Because I talk the wisdom of the bush!  
 He says we from the bush  
 Do not understand civilized ways  
 For we tell our women  
 To keep the hem of their dresses  
 Below the knee  
 We from the Bush, my friend insists,  
 Do not know how to 'enjoy':  
 When we come to the civilized city,  
 Like nuns, we stay away from nightclubs  
 Where women belong to no men  
 And men belong to no women  
 And these civilized people  
 Quarrel and fight like hungry lions!  
 But, my friend, why do men  
 With crippled legs, lifeless eyes,  
 Wooden legs, empty stomachs  
 Wander about the streets  
 Of this civilized world?

Teach me, my friend the trick,  
 So that my eyes may not  
 See those whose houses have no walls  
 But emptiness all around;  
 Show me the wax you use  
 To seal your ears  
 To stop hearing the cry of the hungry;



Teach me the wisdom  
Which tells men  
To talk about money and not love,  
When they meet women;

Tell your God to convert  
Me to the faith of indifferent,  
The faith of those  
Who will never listen until  
They are shaken with blows.  
I speak for the bush:  
You speak for the civilized-  
Will you hear me?

**Everett Standa.**

