



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

**REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

**SCHOOL OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**COMMON COURSE**

**COURSE CODE: SASS 1103**

**COURSE TITLE: ART OF WRITING**

**DATE: 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**TIME: 1100 1300HRS**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Question ONE is compulsory
2. Answer any other two questions

### QUESTION ONE

- a) Using suitable illustrations from various types of writing, describe stages involved in the writing process. **[15 marks]**
- b) Classify the following types of writing with appropriate reasons:
- i. My trip to the Amboseli National Park
  - ii. Report on Post-Election Violence
  - iii. Escape from Sobibor **[ 6 marks]**
- c) Explain two techniques used by writers to discover ideas for writing. **[ 6 Marks]**
- d) Using two paragraphs, explain what you understand by a thesis statement and a topic statement. **[3 marks]**

### QUESTION TWO

- a) Describe the following four types of writing:
- i. Expository
  - ii. Narrative
  - iii. Descriptive
  - iv. Persuasive **[10 marks]**
- b) Write single paragraphs to illustrate the four types of writing and underline the topic sentence in each. **[10 marks]**

### QUESTION THREE

You recently visited the Maasai Mara Game Reserve and would like to describe it to a friend. Choose one stationary vantage point you wish to describe the Game Reserve. Write a paragraph explaining to your friend what you see from that vantage point. Select another area in the Game Reserve you would like to walk through and write a paragraph describing the University from a moving vantage point. **[20 marks]**

### QUESTION FOUR

Take a position on the ongoing debate on examinations should be abolished. Write an essay of not more than a page taking into consideration aspects of a persuasive essay. **[20 marks]**

### QUESTION FIVE

Imagine you are the secretary of Maasai Mara Community Development Club. The club has just held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in which some of the following issues were discussed.

- Reading and confirmation of the previous meeting.
- Treasurer's report.
- Date of election of sub-committee.
- Community work.
- AOB.

During the meeting, all officials except the assistant secretary were present. The club patron was also present. Three members sent apologies while two did not. There were eight members present. Write the minutes of the meeting. **[20 marks]**

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