



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

COURSE CODE: LIT 811

COURSE TITLE: LITERARY THEORY AND CRITICISM

DATE:

1ST FEBRUARY, 2021

TIME: 11.00AM - 1.00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer any THREE Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Discuss the contribution of the two main classical theorists in the emergence of literary theory.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Argue for or against the assertion that psychoanalysis is a universal theory.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Critically examine the relevance of theory in literary criticism. (8 marks)

b) Give a detailed and well-illustrated distinction between cultural criticism and formal criticism. (12 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Assess the significance of various tenets of structuralism using a text studied in this course.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Conduct a gender criticism of a literary text of your choice.

QUESTION SIX (20 MARKS)

Discuss with illustrations the significance of the main tenets of postcolonial theory.