



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION - PART TIME STUDENTS

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: LIT 211.

COURSE TITLE: LITERARY THEORY AND APPLICATION (PT)

DATE: 14TH JUNE, 2021

TIME: 9.00 - 11.00AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) What is literary theory? (5 marks)
- b) Discuss how literary theory and criticism can help a reader achieve a better understanding of literature. (10 marks)
- c) Distinguish between literary theory and literary criticism. (5 marks)
- d) With specific reference to Ngugi wa Thiong'o's *The River Between*, discuss the tenets of Formalism. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Evaluate the aptness of the Marxist literary theory in the analysis of any **two** African novels.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

“Women play a major role in the face of struggle for gender equality.” Using Nawaal El Saadawi's *Woman at Point Zero* or any other relevant novel studied in this unit defend your position on this statement from a feminist literary theory perspective.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the tenets of the post- colonial theory and explain its function as a tool for analysis. Use textual illustrations.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

With illustrations from **two** novels, discuss the applicability of psychoanalytic approach to the study of African literature.