



(Knowledge for Development)

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

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SPECIAL/SUPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE

COURSE CODE: LIT 825

COURSE TITLE: PERFORMANCE AND THEATRE

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other THREE Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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- 1. "Performance and theatre experience is multidimensional, bringing together the performer (s), the art and the audience in a balancing act." Discuss. (20mks)
- 2. "The theatre critic is as crucial in performance and theatre life as are the playwright, the director and the producer." Do you agree? (20mks)
- 3. "Acting seems to take place equally on-stage and off-stage." With relevant illustrations, respond to this statement, demonstrating how acting brings motion into life. (20mks)
- 4. "A well prepared theatre performance could still fail in the course of actual stage performance". Identify the possible reasons for such an eventuality, suggesting to the theatre director how the identified failure(s) could be avoided. (20mks)
- 5. Distinguish between the following dramatic modes while making reference to specific texts:
 - i) Absurdist drama
 - ii) Comedy
 - iii) Tragedy
 - iv) Musical theatre.