



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: LIT 311.

COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED LITERARY THEORY AND APPLICATION

DATE: 19TH DECEMBER, 2022

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) Explain the difference between literary theory and literary criticism. (4 marks)
- b) Discuss the relevance of critical theory in the study of literature. (6 marks)
- c) With the use of relevant theoretical approach(es), analyse any one of the following texts: (20 marks)
- i. "The Metamorphosis" (1915) - Franz Kafka
 - ii. *Left to Tell: One Woman's Story of Surviving the Rwandan Genocide* - Immaculee Ilibagiza

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain briefly what contributed to the development of contemporary literary theory. (4 mks)
- b) Discuss the major concerns of the formalist critics. (12 marks)
- c) Highlight the shortcomings of Russian Formalism. (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the meaning and relevance of the following Bakhtinian concepts: (9 marks)
- i. Heteroglossia
 - ii. Dialogism
 - iii. Carnival
- b) Examine how New Critics go about their critical projects. (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) What is Marxist Aesthetics? (2 marks)
- b) Explain the meaning of the following terms as used by Marxist critics: (5 marks)
- i. Peasant
 - ii. Bourgeoisie
 - iii. The Base and Superstructure
- c) Underline Karl Marx's contributions towards Marxism. (6 marks)
- d) Examine how Marxism can be applied in the study of Literature. (7 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) What do you understand by Feminism? (5 marks)
- b) Outline the contributions made by the following Feminist proponents:
- i. Virginia Woolf (5 marks)
 - ii. Simone de Beauvoir (5 marks)
 - iii. Elaine Showalter (5 marks)

QUESTION SIX (20 MARKS)

With illustrations, discuss how structuralists go about their critical projects.

QUESTION SEVEN (20 MARKS)

Explain what you understand by the following literary theories:

- i. Deconstruction
- ii. Existentialism