



(Knowledge for Development)

KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN COMPARATIVE
LITERATURE**

COURSE CODE: LIT 811

COURSE TITLE: THEORIES AND PRACTICE OF LITERARY CRITICISM

DATE: 17TH AUGUST, 2023

TIME: 8.00 - 10.00AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer question **ANY THREE** Questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

Examine the centrality of moral criticism with reference to arguments emanating from classical, medieval, neo-classical and Marxist schools of thought.

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

Discuss with illustrations the main tenets of Romanticist criticism.

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Discuss with illustrations the emergence and significance of deconstruction theory.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Elucidate the idea of indigenous knowledge systems on gender with reference to the ideas of at least one proponent studied in this course.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Discuss with illustrations the significance of the William Wordsworth's sentiments regarding poetry and literature as a whole.