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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES

UNIT CODE: LIT 412

UNIT TITLE: ADVANCED LITERARY THEORY

AUGUST 2012

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. (a) Literary theory and criticism are interpretive tools that help us think more deeply and insightfully about the texts that we read. To what extent do you concur with this statement (10marks)
- (b) When we say literary criticism is "interdisciplinary" in nature, what do we mean (10marks)
- (c) How has this unit been of use to your understanding of literary texts? (10marks)
- 2 With illustrations from a relevant text you have studied, demonstrate how the text reflects patriarchal ideology in an African setting. (20marks)
- 3 "You are what you own." Basing your argument on a text you have studied, validate this statement from a Marxist perspective (20marks)
- 4 With reference to a literary text you have studied, how would we interpret it to reveal a post colonial reading? (20marks)
- 5 Using a text of your choice evaluate the standpoint tenet of either post-modernism or deconstruction theory (20marks)