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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2014/2015

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND OTHER FOREIGN LANGUAGES

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
REGULAR

UNIT CODE: BLA3225

UNIT TITLE: ADVANCED LITERARY
THEORY

DATE: AUGUST 2015

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO
QUESTIONS.

1. a) Make a distinction between literary theory and literary history. (4 Marks)
- b) Discuss the significance of studying literary theory. (6 Marks)
- c) What are the functions of literature in society? (6 Marks)
- d) Discuss the characteristics of literature. (6 Marks)
- e) Explain the four main aspects of literature. (8 Marks)
2. a) Discuss the basic tenets of Marxist theory. (8 Marks)
- b) Explain using a literary text how Marxist theory can be used to analyse a text. (12 Marks)
3. a) Discuss the major tenets of the feminist approach.

b) Using a literary text show how the feminist approach can be used in analyzing a text.

4. a) Explain the role of reader in generating textual meaning as suggested by Reader-response approach. (8 Marks)

b) Using its major tenets, analyse a literary text. (12 Marks)

5. a) Analyse any literary text using the basic tenets of psychoanalytic theory. (12 Marks)

b) What are the major tenets of the psychoanalytic theory? (8 Marks)