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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES
REGULAR
UNIT CODE: LIT 311

UNIT TITLE: BASICS IN LITERARY THEORY

DATE: DECEMBER 2011 MAIN EXAM TIME: 2HRS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. (a) Explain five importance's of relating theory to history in the study of literature (10marks)
- (b) Differentiate medieval from classical criticism (10marks)
- (c) Discuss the tenets of the following literary movements and highlight their weaknesses (10marks)
 - i. Social Darwinism
 - ii. Futurism
2. Compare and contrast realism and romanticism as early literary movements (20marks)
3. (a) What is the reader-response theory? (3marks)
- (b) Highlight its main assumptions and weakness (7marks)
- (c) Using this theory, discuss two themes in any of Barnabas Kasigwa's plays in "The Anthology of E.A. Plays" (10marks)
4. Using psychoanalysis, discuss the actions of any character in a text studied in this course (20marks)
5. Discuss Aristotle's components of tragedy (20marks)