



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013  
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES  
REGULAR

UNIT CODE: BLIT 311

UNIT TITLE: BASICS IN LITERARY THEORY

DECEMBER 2012

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER QUESTIONS ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO.**

1. (a) Explain literary theory and literary criticism in analysing literary works (10marks)  
(b) When analysing a text, critics ask some questions. List five of these (5marks)  
(c) Explain the concept of reality according to Plato (3marks)  
(d) Why did Socrates have to die? (3marks)  
(e) Differentiate Plato and Aristotle's ideologies on reality (9marks)
2. Express the ideas of two other early philosophers apart from Plato, Aristotle and Socrates (20marks)
3. Distinguish between Renaissance and Romanticism movement (20marks)
4. Explain realism and its value on literature today (20marks)
5. Either discuss Futurism or New Criticism Theory (20marks)