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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

LIT 302: THEORY AND HISTORY OF LITERATURE

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Instructions: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions
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- Q1. Literary critics argue that not everything goes into reading; and that not all readings are of the same weight, yet they resist the insight that meaning is merely a matter of opinion. Contest this theoretical framework using practical illustrations to demonstrate how you will develop your critical thinking about literature and the world.
(30 marks)
- Q2. Juxtapose the concept of “art for art’s sake” and “art for man’s sake,” and employing relevant theories and texts.
(20 marks)
- Q3. What are the major shortcomings of Plato’s and Aristotle’s arguments if one were to address the role of literature and writers in contemporary society?
(20 marks)
- Q4. Which ONE of the theories studied in this course would be most applicable in your analysis of Chinua Achebe is A Man of the people and why?
(20 marks)
- Q5. Apply the theory of Romanticism to the following poem: Ode To Nightingale

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