MASENO UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(MAIN CAMPUS)

ALI 309: MODERN THEORIES OF LITERATURE

Date: 18th July 2014   *Time:* 8.30 – 10.30 am

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- Avoid duplication of material in answer to more than one question.
- A lot of importance is attached to clarity of expression.

QUESTION 1: COMPULSORY

"Modern literary theories are required to cope with the challenges of a world oriented towards modern science, industrialization and technology."

Discuss the statement above with reference to at least **three** modern theories of literature.   (30 marks)

(2) Using at least **two** poems for illustration, defamiliarize those poems.

(3) Apply the Marxist theory to Micere Mugo's and Ngugi wa Thiong'o's *The Trial of Dedan Kimathi*.   (20 marks)

(4) "Deconstruction can … best be described as a theory of reading which aims to undermine the logic of opposition within texts."

Discuss the statement above with reference to Austin Bukenya's *The Bride*. (20 marks)

(5) With reference to at least **two** female African-American essays, apply gynocriticism to those works.   (20 marks)