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UNIT CODE: BLIT 311

UNIT TITLE: BASICS IN LITERARY THEORY

DATE: DECEMBER 2013

MAIN EXAM

TIME: 2 HOURS

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

1. a) Using illustrations from texts studied in this unit, differentiate between literary criticism and theory. (15 marks)  
b) With examples from at least two texts studied in this unit, evaluate the sole of the theory in literature. (15 marks)
2. Analyse the contribution of Aristotle in the growth and development of literary theory. (20 marks)
3. Using a Marxist approach, analyse Ngugi wa Thiongo's *I will Marry when I Want*. (20 marks)
4. Present a feminist critique of Margaret Ogola's *The River and The Source*. (20 marks)
5. Drawing your examples from the *Beautiful One Are Not Yet Born* or *Anthill's of the Savannah*, present a psychoanalytic criticism of either text. (20 marks)