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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

### THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR MAIN EXAMINATION

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: LIT 310

COURSE TITLE: CRITICAL LITERARY THEORY

DATE: 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2022

TIME: 2.00 – 5.00 P.M

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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**LIT 310: CRITICAL LITERARY THEORY**

**STREAM: BED (Arts)**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- i. *Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.*
- ii. *Do not write on the question paper.*
- iii. *Avoid using the same text to answer more than one question*

**Question One**

- a. Explain the main principles of critical theory. (5Marks)
- b. The term 'critical' arises from this intense analysis of texts which is based on two movements. Explain these TWO movements. (10 Marks)
- c. Explore the departure of critical literary theory from humanist literary theory (15Marks)

**Question Two**

Michel Foucault's ideas on discourse theory are on power relations. With this in mind, carry out a critical analysis of any literary text covered in this course using Foucault's ideas on discourse theory. (20 Marks)

**Question Three**

With reference to Jacques Derrida, examine his deconstructionist ideas and their relevance to Literature. (20 Marks)

**Question Four**

With reference to Frantz Fanon's ideas, critically evaluate the concerns of postcolonial theory. Illustrate from a Literary text covered in this course. (20 Marks)

**Question Five**

- a. Explain SIX aspects of Ferdinand De Saussure's theory of language and their influence on literary criticism. (12 Marks)
  
- b. Critically analyze a literary text of your choice using structuralism theory. (8 Marks)

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