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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2024 1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 415
COURSE TITLE: Literary Theory and Criticism
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 2^{1/2} HOURS
INSTRUCTION: Answer four (4) questions in all

- (1) Using postcolonial theory, examine any African literary text of your choice. (17^{1/2}marks)
- (2) Briefly discuss the basic Principles of Formalism. (17^{1/2}marks)
- (3a) What is the major criticism levelled against the mimetic theory? (6 marks)
- (3b) Briefly discuss the major proposition of the mimetic theory of literature. (11^{1/2}marks)
- (4) Attempt a concise discussion on new criticism? (17^{1/2}marks)
- (5a) How is deconstructionist theory similar to formalism? (6 marks)
- (5b) What do deconstructionists take as the meaning of a text? (11^{1/2}marks)