



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
Faculty of Arts
Department of Languages
2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG415
COURSE TITLE: LITERARY THEORY AND CRITICISM
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: TWO HOURS

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS. QUESTION NO. 1
IS COMPULSORY**

1. a). Discuss the relevance of literary criticism as a form of literary scholarship.
(12 marks)
b). Briefly discuss the attributes of Reader-Response Criticism in literary discourse
(12 marks)
(24 marks/50 minutes)
2. a). What are the functions of literary criticism? (11.5 marks)
b). Identify the major thrusts of Deconstructionist Criticism (11.5 marks)
(23 marks/35 minutes)
3. Explain the principles of Mimetic Theory as propounded in Aristotle's *Poetics*
(23 marks/35 minutes)
4. Explain the preoccupation of Formalism as a literary form of criticism.
(23 marks/35 minutes)