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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KLT 2105:THEORY OF LITERATURE

Date: 11th April 2024
Time: 8:30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Examine the importance of studying theory of literature. (7 Marks)
- b) Describe the key tenets of Marxist Theory. (9 Marks)
- c) Explore ideas that Aristotle highlights in support of Art. (8 Marks)
- d) Explain the importance of studying theory of African literature. (6 Marks)

QUESTIONS TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the influence of structural linguistics in the study of literature. (10 Marks)
- b) Analyse the tenets of Classical Theory. (10 Marks)

QUESTIONS THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine **five** subgenres of oral literature that existed in Africa before the coming of the Whiteman. (10 Marks)
- b) Analyse the points you may need to pay attention to when using New Criticism to analyse a novel. (10 Marks)

QUESTIONS FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine how the African and the Europeans contact impacted on African literature. (10 Marks)
- b) Outline the main ideas featured in post-colonial theory. (8 Marks)

QUESTIONS FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the nature of literature. (10 Marks)
- b) Explore the **four** characteristics of the theory of African Literature. (10 Marks)