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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR
FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(ARTS)**

Date: 10th December, 2020
Time: 2.30pm – 4.30pm

KLT 2105 – THEORY OF LITERATURE

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the terms 'Literary Theory' (2 Marks)
- b) Briefly discuss the four characteristics of the theory of African Literature. (8 Marks)
- c) Highlight the characteristics of Literature. (6 Marks)
- d) Outline two ideas that Aristotle provide in defense of arts' imitative character. (6 Marks)
- e) Discuss the influence of structural linguistics in the study of literature. (8 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) State down four theories used in the study of literature. (4 Marks)
- b) Explain the nature of literature. (8 Marks)
- c) Discuss the impact of the contact of European literature with African literature. (8 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) State three questions a New Historicists ask about literary texts (6 Marks)
- b) Identify three themes that can be interpreted in Post-Colonial Literature. (6 Marks)
- c) Explain the earliest forms of African Literature. (8 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) ‘The problem with Traditional gender roles lie in the traditional culture that defines what a good woman should do or behave in society’. Discuss this statement sing the knowledge gained in the study of feminism theory. (8 Marks)
- b) Summarize the characteristics of artistic development in the Renaissance period. (6 Marks)
- c) With reference to texts studied in this course, evaluate the impact of Marxist Theory in the growth of E.A. novel. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the importance of studying theory of literature. (6 Marks)
- b) Explain the characteristics of literature in the Middle-Ages in Europe. (6 Marks)
- c) Identify four arguments that Plato used against art. (8 Marks)