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THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: LIT 310

COURSE TITLE: CRITICAL LITERARY THEORY

DATE: 24TH JANUARY, 2022

TIME: 2.00 – 5.00 P.M

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)
