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**KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION( ARTS)**  
**KLT 2105-THEORY OF LITERATURE**

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)**

- Explain the earliest forms of Literature in Africa. (5 Marks)
- Describe the Theory of African literature. (10 Marks)
- Discuss the influence of structural linguistics in the study of literature (10 Marks)
- Illustrate any five classical theories. (5 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO ( 20 MARKS)**

- Discuss the tenets of Feminist Theory. (10 Marks)
- Describe the importance of studying theory of literature. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE ( 20 MARKS)**

- Explain how the African contact with Europeans impacted on African literature. (10 Marks)
- Outline and explain any two theories of your choice studied in this course without repeating the theory in Q. 4 b. below. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR ( 20 MARKS)**

- Discuss the Classical ideas that provide defense of arts' imitative character. (10 Marks)
- Discuss the theory that was championed by Jacques Derrida in the 1960s. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- Demonstrate how the tenets of New Criticism can be applied in textual analysis. (10 Marks)
- Explain the characteristics of literature in the Middle Ages in Europe. (10 Marks)