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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR
THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION(ARTS)
KLT 2304 INTRODUCTION TO LITERARY CRITICISM

Date: 12th August 2024
Time: 8.30am-10.30am

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explore the significance of literary interpretation. (8 marks)
- b) Distinguish the role played by a literary critic in analyzing a literary work of art. (8 marks)
- c) Expound on any **three** fundamental questions at the heart of various critical theories. (9 marks)
- d) Demonstrate your understanding of cross-cutting literary works. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discriminate between Prose and Poetry as genres of literature. (10 marks)
- b) Survey the basic elements of Deconstruction Theory. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Examine **three** characteristics of the novel genre and outline **two** of the novel's subgenres. (10 marks)
- b) "The concept of cultural and economic determinism by Karl Marx is one of the major political ideas of the last century." Illustrate the way a literary critic would use this theory to analyse a work of art. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Illustrate the processes involved in critical reading and response. (10 marks)
- b) "The concern in moral/intellectual criticism is not only to discover meaning but also to determine whether works of literature are both true and significant." Explore the significance of this statement in relation to analysis of literary work of art. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) “New Criticism has been a dominant force in Twentieth-Century literary studies.” Paying attention on the tenets of the theory, clarify this assertion. (10 marks)
- b) How you would utilize any **three** elements of prose to analyze a novel. (10 marks)