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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

ALT 805: MODERN AFRICAN LITERATURE

DATE: Friday, 25th August, 2017

TIME: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO**.

1. Modern African Literature has been shaped by the traumatic encounter between Africa and Europe. Discuss. (20 marks)
2. “African literature written in non-African languages is only headed for a dead-end.” Discuss to what extent you agree with the above statement by Obi Wali. (20 marks)
3. Orality is at the center of written African literature. Do you agree? (20 marks)
4. “African intellectuals have played a major part in the politics of decolonization of the African continent.” With examples from different texts from different regions of the continent, discuss the veracity of this statement. (20 marks)
5. With ample examples, discuss at least five institutions that have influenced the growth of African literature. (20 marks)