



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

ALT 802: THEORY OF LITERATURE

DATE: WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2016

TIME: 2.00 P.M. - 5.00 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer THREE questions. Question ONE is Compulsory

1. What do you understand by the term “theory of literature”. Discuss its function and sustainability with regard to the discipline of literature. (24 marks)
2. Discuss the contribution of MH Abrams to the understanding of theory and assess its applicability. (18 marks)
3. “Post colonialism is a mixture and multilayering of forms”. Respond to this assertion by defining post colonialism, demarcating its scope, and determining its influence on African literature. (18 marks)
4. Using any other theoretical premises you have studied in this course. Show its applicability on any African novel of your choice. (18 marks)
5. “Textology has been sacrificed in current obsessions with literary theory in the study of literature.” Austin Bukenya. Give a critique in support of **Or** objection to this assertion. (18 marks)