



**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF

Bachelor of education ARTS

COURSE CODE: LIT 300

COURSE TITLE: CRITICAL THEORY AND APPLICATION IN LITERATURE

DATE: 29TH JULY, 2022

TIME: 8.00AM -10.00AM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question ONE and any other Two

This paper consists of Two (2) pages. Please turn over

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Question One (30 marks)

- a) Referring to the classical ideas of Plato and Aristotle, discuss Plato's objection to literature and Aristotle's defense of literature. (20 marks)
- b) Discuss the classification of literary theories according to Abrams (10 marks)

Question Two

Using any specific texts read in this course, discuss the major highlights of post-colonial literature. [20 Marks]

Question Three

Attempt a feminist analysis of Mariama Ba's *So Long a Letter*, or any other text of your choice (20 marks)

Question Four

Referring to specific texts, demonstrate the contribution of post-structuralism in the development of interpretive paradigms in literature. [20 Marks]

Question Five

Assess Sembene Ausmane's *Gods Bits of wood* or any other text of your choice on the basis of concepts drawn from Marxist literary theory (20 marks).