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**JANUARY 2018 EXAM**

**COURSE CODE: MAC313**  
**COURSE TITLE: CRITICAL WRITING AND REVIEWING**  
**UNIT: 2**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS**  
**TIME: 2 HOURS**

1. Identify four basic meanings of criticism as provided by Pope (2002) and explain how critical writing judges work of arts. **(23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Marks)**
2. List and explain five major functions of criticism. **(23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Marks)**
3. Who is a critic? Outline and explain 7 qualities of a good critic. **(23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Marks)**
4. Discuss eight steps to be considered in the preparation of a copy while writing a review. **(23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Marks)**
5. Higher standards of book reviewing, especially in historical writing, require the reviewer to answer some five searching questions. List and explain them. **(23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Marks)**