



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, JABI, ABUJA**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**2024 1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: ENG 415**

**COURSE TITLE: Literary Theory and Criticism**

**CREDIT UNITS: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2<sup>1/2</sup> HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer four (4) questions in all**

- (1) Using postcolonial theory, examine any African literary text of your choice. (17<sup>1/2</sup>marks)
- (2) Briefly discuss the basic Principles of Formalism. (17<sup>1/2</sup>marks)
  - (3a) What is the major criticism levelled against the mimetic theory? (6 marks)
  - (3b) Briefly discuss the major proposition of the mimetic theory of literature. (11<sup>1/2</sup>marks)
- (4) Attempt a concise discussion on new criticism? (17<sup>1/2</sup>marks)
  - (5a) How is deconstructionist theory similar to formalism? (6 marks)
  - (5b) What do deconstructionists take as the meaning of a text? (11<sup>1/2</sup>marks)