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ABUJA
FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2025_2 EXAMINATIONS.

COURSE CODE: ENG415
COURSE TITLE: Literary Theory and Criticism
CREDIT UNITS: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 2^{1/2} HOURS

INSTRUCTION: Answer ANY four (4) questions. Each question carries 17^{1/2} marks.

1. For the deconstructionists, meaning is dynamic and fluid. Discuss. **(17^{1/2} marks)**

2. Use any feminist theory to appraise any African literary text of your choice. **(17^{1/2} marks)**

3. M.H. Abrams stated that “any reasonably adequate theory takes some account of four elements”. List the four elements and explain two. **(17^{1/2} marks)**

- 4a. What is historical criticism? **(11^{1/2} marks)**
- 4b. Itemise the tenets of historical criticism. **(6 marks)**

Total: 17^{1/2} marks

5. Discuss the difference between literary theory and literary criticism. **(17^{1/2} marks)**