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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
2025_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: ENG 415

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. Feminists as allies of feminist literary theory are ‘men haters;’ do you agree? Support your position with elaborate discussion. **(17^{1/2} marks)**

2. Do you agree that readers are important contributors to making meaning in works of literature? Substantiate your answer by making reference to the opinions of Reader-response theory. **(17^{1/2} marks)**

3. Use Marxist theory to examine any literary work of your choice. **(17^{1/2} marks)**

4. What was the concern of early investigators on the nature and value of literature? **(17^{1/2} marks)**

5. What do you understand by the term, ‘theory’? **(17^{1/2} marks)**