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**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**2025\_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 ANY four (4) questions. Each question carries 17<sup>1/2</sup> marks.**

1. Feminists as allies of feminist literary theory are 'men haters;' do you agree? Support your position with elaborate discussion. **(17<sup>1/2</sup> 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<sup>1/2</sup> marks)**
  
3. Use Marxist theory to examine any literary work of your choice. **(17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)**
  
4. What was the concern of early investigators on the nature and value of literature? **(17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)**
  
5. What do you understand by the term, 'theory'? **(17<sup>1/2</sup> marks)**