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MAIN EXAMINATION

MAY – JULY 2018 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION

PART TIME PROGRAMME

ENG 302: THEORY AND HISTORY OF LITERATURE

Date: JULY 2018 Duration: 2 Hours INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. Employing Classicism literary theory discuss either Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex* or William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* being classical tragedies . **(20 Marks)**
- Q2. While addressing the concerns of Realism critically analyze the real education Pip gets and comment on the relevance of title *Great expectations* highlighting . (20 Marks)
- Q3. Using at least two texts learnt in this course, discuss the tenets of post-colonial theory emphasizing what it advocates as demonstrated in the selected texts.

 (20 Marks)
- Q4. Women world over have ever experienced some kind of marginalization. Using the texts studied in this course; substantiate feminist literary theory according to the proponents' views relating closely to literary writers. (20 Marks)

Q5. Either

a) Using relevant literary texts elucidate how Naturalism differs from Romanticism literary period? (20 Marks)

Or

b) 'Literariness' is a major concern of writers in their works of fiction. Use the texts used in class to validate how writers have proved this. (20 Marks)

Or

c) With clear illustrations from your favourite text, highlight the significance of this course on literary history and theory to a student of literature. **(20 Marks)**

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