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MAIN EXAMINATION

SEPTEMBER –DECEMBER 2021

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURE AND COMMUNICATION

REGULAR PROGRAMME

LIT 400: LITERARY AESTHETICS

Date: DECEMBER 2021

Duration: 2 ½Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any TWO Questions

Q1.

- (a) Explain, in three ways, your understanding of the 'nature of literature.' **(10 marks)**
- (b) Describe Plato's ontological and moral criticism of literature, demonstrating its relevance to literary studies now. **(20 marks)**

Q2. Referring to Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*, explain how literature can fulfil a historical necessity. **(20 marks)**

Q3.

- a. What is the enduring value of Tolstoy's *Death of Ivan Ilych*.
OR
- b. Discuss Raskolnikov as a victim of compelling nihilistic ideas.

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Q4. Discuss feminist aesthetics in *Song of Lawino*.

(20 Marks)

Q5. Relate the core arguments of structuralists' to your understanding of the notion of 'culture.'

(20 marks)

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