



# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

**1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**

**LITT 212: THEORY OF LITERATURE**

***STREAM: R***

***TIME: 2 HRS***

***DAY: FRIDAY (14.30-16.30PM)***

***DATE: 15/12/23***

**THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF TWO (2) PAGES**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- i) **Answer three questions in total.**
- ii) **Question ONE is COMPULSORY.**
- iii) **Candidates are given fifteen minutes to read through the questions**
- iv) **Do not write on the question paper.**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Critically examine the role of theory in the study of Literature. (15 marks)
- b) Show how any two theories can be used to appreciate any two literary texts studied in this course. (15 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

Discuss meaning from a Poststructuralist point of view with reference to literary texts of your choice. (20 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

Critically examine *Things Fall Apart* using the Psychoanalytic theory. (20 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

Analyse the *Blossoms of the Savannah* from a Womanist perspective. (20 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

Carry out a critical reading of Ngugi wa Thiong'o's *Petals of Blood*. (20 marks)

