

LIT 210



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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATION

### FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

**COURSE CODE: LIT 210**

**COURSE TITLE: HUMANIST LITERARY THEORY**

**DATE: 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**TIME: 9.00AM – 12.00NOON**

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#### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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**LIT 210: HUMANIST LITERARY THEORY**

**STREAM: BED (Arts)**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- i. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.*
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.*
- iii. Avoid using the same text to answer more than one question*

**Question One (Compulsory)**

- a. Explain how humanism influences humanist literary theory. (3 Marks)
- b. Outline the pragmatic dimension of humanist literary theory. (3 Marks)
- c. Explore the FOUR (4) fundamental assumptions about humanist literary theory (12 Marks)
- d. Referring closely to literary texts you have covered in this course, identify the FOUR (4) forms in which the ideas of humanism are present in literature. (12 Marks)

**Question Two**

Discuss FIVE (5) literary movements in which ideas of humanist literary theory are presented. (20 Marks)

**Question Three**

Critically evaluate the ideas of Sigmund Freud and their relevance to the study of literary texts (20 Marks)

**Question Four**

Examine FIVE (5) basic elements of Marxist literary theory. Illustrate from a literary text you have covered in this course. (20 Marks)

**Question Five**

- a. Neoclassical literature is characterized by order, accuracy, and structure. Explain. (11 Marks)
- b. Morality and aesthetics are core aspects in literature according to humanistic literary theory. With this in mind, outline the moral and aesthetic functions of literature. (9 Marks)

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