



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGES

ALT303: THEORY & HISTORY OF LITERATURE

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One (Compulsory) and Any Other Two Questions

1. Answer the following
 - a. What is theory? (10 marks)
 - b. How is theory applied in the study of literature? (20 Marks)
2. Analyse the book *Petals of Blood* by Ngugi wa Thiong'o using the Marxist theory (20 marks)
3. What is the nature and function of literature? (20 marks)
4. With examples from texts you have read, explore the major tenets of the Feminist theory? (20 marks)
5. the history of literature and literary studies from antiquity to the present. (20 marks)