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**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES THEOLOGY HUMANITIES AND
EDUCATION**

Humanities Department

HEC 203/HEN 106: THEORY AND CRITICISM OF LITERATURE

END OF ^{2nd} SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATIONS

APRIL 2018

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer any **three** questions.
2. Credit will be given for neat, well-written and lucid work.
3. Write legibly.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

Question 1

Define literary theory using relevant examples and explain why it is important in the study of literature.
(20 marks)

Question 2

Discuss Anglo-American New Criticism paying attention to its main ideas and its contribution to the study of literature.
(20 marks)

Question 3

Define Russian formalism and using appropriate examples assess the significance of Formalism's concept of defamiliarisation in the study of literature.
(20 marks)

Question 4

Discuss Marxist literary theory paying particular attention to Zhdanov's claim that there is "no literature that is not tendentious, no literature that is not class literature"?
(20 marks)

Question 5

Explain feminist literary theories and point out what you consider to be its most important contribution to the study of literature.
(20 marks)

Question 6

Give a detailed outline of Postcolonial literary theory and assess its importance in the study of literature. (You may use relevant texts as reference points.)
(20 marks)

End of paper