



**KISII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE**  
**DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION ARTS**  
**FIRST SEMESTER 2021/2022**  
**[JUNE-SEPTEMBER, 2022]**

**LITT 212: THEORY OF LITERATURE**

**STREAM: Y2S1**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: WEDNESDAY, 12:00 – 2:00 PM**

**DATE: 14/09/2022**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.*
- 2. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.*

**QUESTION ONE**

To what extent do theories of literature influence contemporary written of art in Africa? (30 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

Discuss the basic principles of deconstructionist theories. (20 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

Discuss basic tenets of formalist theory illustrating your answers with appropriate examples from a given literary text(s). (20 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

Explain the main principles of postcolonial theory citing examples from a relevant literary text(s). (20 marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

Explain the following terms as used in literary theory and criticism:

1. Defamiliarization (5 marks)
2. Intrinsic and extrinsic theories (5 marks)
3. Langue and parole [10marks]

### **QUESTION SIX**

Identify at least **three** literary movements and discuss their influence on the production of literary works. (20 marks)