UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION 2005

TITLE OF PAPER: MODERN CRITICAL THEORY

COURSE CODE: ENG 304/ IDE ENG 304

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: 1. ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS.

- 2. DO NOT REPEAT MATERIAL OR WRITE ABOUT THE SAME TEXT AT LENGTH MORE THAN ONCE.
- 3. CANDIDATES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING ANY READING MATERIAL INTO THE EXAMINATION ROOM.
- 4. CORRECT USAGE OF ENGLISH WILL BE REWARDED AND GRAMMATICAL AND SPELLING MISTAKES PENALIZED.

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Answer any three questions from the following. Each question carries 20 marks.

- 1. Define Colonialism and Postcolonialism. Discuss the various stages in the development of Postcolonial literatures.
- 2. Identify and discuss the differences between Modernism and Postmodernism in Literature.
- 3. With the aid of one or two texts you are familiar with, show the impact of Postcolonial theory on modern African Literature.
- 4. Identify the contributions of Virginia Woolf, Kate Millett and Betty Friedan to Feminist literary Criticism.
- 5. Barbara Smith is a "major theorist who has almost single handedly created the field of Black feminist criticism" Discuss this claim.
- 6. Identify the contributions of Molara Ogundipe-Leslie, Carole Boyce Davies and Lauretta Ngcobo to African feminist criticism.
- 7. Marxist criticism negates the age-old sanctity of literature through its manipulation of the discipline for extra literary objectives Discuss.
- 8. According to Modern Psychoanalytic criticism, literature results from the activities of the mind. Argue for or against this claim.